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## PROGRAM

Eighty-first Session  
SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
June 12-15, 1958  
QUAYLE METHODIST CHURCH  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11th -- PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

- 12:30 P.M. Dinner
- 2:30 P.M. Pre-Conference Session. Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.,  
Presiding  
Pastor's Reports
- 6:00 P.M. Supper
- 7:45 P.M. Celebration of Holy Communion

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12th -- MORNING SESSION

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast
- 8:30 A.M. Organ Ministry - Negail R. Riley
- 9:00 A.M. Devotions - Reverend W. Harry Bass
- 9:30 A.M. Conference Business  
District Superintendents' Composite Report  
Dr. Cleveland G. Tillmon
- 10:30 A.M. Conference Board of Missions  
Advance Study: General  
Area  
Conference  
Resource: Dr. Benjamin F. Allgood, Division of National  
Missions, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 11:30 A.M. Miscellaneous Items
- 11:45 A.M. Memorial Service - "Ripe For Harvesting" - Job V:26  
Presiding - Reverend W. H. Hanna  
Preaching - Reverend D. D. Hawkins

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12th -- AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12:30 P.M. Dinner
- 2:00 P.M. Devotions - Reverend Hilliard A. Davie
- 2:15 P.M. Conference Business
- 3:00 P.M. Conference Board of Education - Mr. Clinton Anderson, Pre-  
siding  
Relationships:  
General Board of Education  
Local Church Commission on Education  
Christian Vocations  
Audio-Visual Aids  
Speaker: The Reverend Randle B. Dew, Staff member of the  
Department of General Church School Work, The General  
Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 4:15 P.M. Worship Service - Reverend Edwin C. Sanders, Presiding  
Preaching - Dr. E. W. Parker, District Superintendent,  
Oklahoma City District (SCJ).
- 6:00 P.M. Supper



THURSDAY, JUNE 12th -- EVENING SESSION

- 7:30 P.M. Evening Service - Reverend Oliver W. Gibson, Presiding  
Anniversary of the Board of Social and Economic Relations:  
Speaker: The Reverend Leland Clegg, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
representing The Board of Social and Economic  
Relations, The Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois.  
Benediction - Reverend W. H. D. Bright

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th -- MORNING SESSION

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast  
8:30 A.M. Organ Ministry  
9:00 A.M. Devotions - Reverend Elliot M. Douglas  
9:30 A.M. Conference Business  
10:30 A.M. The Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. C.G.  
Washington, Presiding  
11:30 A.M. Conference Business

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th -- AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12:30 P.M. Dinner  
2:00 P.M. Devotions - Reverend Elijah T. Hickman  
2:15 P.M. Conference Business  
3:00 P.M. Conference Board of Lay Activities  
Mr. G. James Washington, Presiding  
Stewardship  
Methodist Men  
4:15 P.M. Worship Service. Dr. John H. Oliver, Presiding  
Preaching, Reverend Alexander M. Anderson  
6:00 P.M. Supper

FRIDAY, JUNE 13th -- EVENING SESSION

- 7:30 P.M. Evening Service. Reverend Edwin C. Sanders, Presiding  
Christian Higher Education, Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.  
11:30 P.M. Prayer Vigil, Reverend Ira A. Pointer, Presiding  
(The Prayer Vigil will continue until 6:00 a.m. Saturday, June  
14th)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th -- MORNING SESSION

- 7:00 A.M. Breakfast  
8:30 A.M. Organ Ministry  
9:00 A.M. Devotions. Reverend Benjamin F. Littlejohn  
9:30 A.M. The Local Church Emphasis  
10:30 A.M. Conference Business  
Reports

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th -- AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12:30 P.M. Dinner  
2:00 P.M. Devotions - Reverend W. H. D. Bright  
2:15 P.M. Conference Business - Reports  
Board of Evangelism  
Speaker: The Reverend Berlyn V. Farris, member of the  
Administrative staff, The General Board of Evangelism,  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Board of Pensions

4:15 P. M. Worship Service - Reverend Cortelyou C. Hall, Presiding  
Preaching - Reverend Franklin C. Souder  
5:00 P. M. Conference Business  
Executive Session  
6:00 P. M. Supper

SATURDAY, JUNE 14th -- EVENING SESSION

7:30 P. M. Evening Service - Fay Norman, Presiding  
Sermon - The Reverend Maceo D. Pembroke, Administrative  
Assistant, Saint Louis Area, The Methodist Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th -- CLOSING SESSION

7:00 A. M. Breakfast  
Celebration of The Holy Communion  
8:00 A. M. Baptisms  
9:30 A. M. Love Feast  
10:30 A. M. Morning Worship  
Ordination  
Reading of Appointments

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SECTION I - Officers of the Annual Conference

SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 1958

Organized as Little Rock Conference, February 21, 1879.  
Reorganized as Southwest Conference, December 3, 1929, upon the authori-  
zation of an Enabling Act of The General Conference, 1928.

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Roll of Conference Members

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McCane, Mrs. B. A. Fields, W. H. D. Bright, Edwin C. Sanders
9. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:  
Class of 1959: C. C. Hall, W. Harold Flowers

Class of 1960: Fay Norman, Ira A. Pointer, R. W. Torrence  
Class of 1961: B. F. Littlejohn, Chrm., 709 Pine St., Conway, Ark.  
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Superintendents
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Cullins
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15. COMMITTEE ON MINIMUM SALARY:  
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16. COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS:  
C. C. Hall, Ira A. Pointer, J. H. Oliver,  
Edwin C. Sanders
17. COMMITTEE ON COURTESY:  
Mrs. Lula M. Tillmon, Donald E. Grant, Robert J. Tolbert, Jr.
18. COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM:  
The Cabinet, Miss Mary Frances Patton, Mrs. C. G. Washington,  
G. James Washington, The Executive Secretary
19. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:  
The Cabinet, G. James Washington
20. HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:  
J. H. Oliver, J. S. Cullins, C. C. Hall
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Sanders
26. INTERBOARD COMMISSION:  
The Cabinet, Chairman of all Boards, C. C. Hall, Ira A. Pointer,  
Edwin C. Sanders
27. COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND OBJECTIVES:  
The same as listed in Number 26 (above).
28. COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL:  
Mrs. Henrietta H. Torrence, E. L. Stewart, Mrs. Alice Preston
29. COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE:  
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W. H. McCane
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Oliver, G. James Washington, Clinton Anderson, Frank A. Young,  
Miss Mary Frances Patton, Edwin C. Sanders. Ex-Officio:  
M. LaFayette Harris, President, Philander Smith College, Little  
Rock, Arkansas; Curtis D. Gillespie and Archibald H. Moorrow,  
Faculty Representatives, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.
31. QUADRENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL CHURCH GOALS:  
The Bishop, The District Superintendents, J. H. Oliver, Chairman,  
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### 33. DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:

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Oliver W. Gibson	G. G. Troupe	E. F. Wallace
Carter L. Watson	L. T. Thompson	Elliot M. Douglas
	Joyce G. Dozier	

### 34. DISTRICT BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION AND BUILDING:

<u>Little Rock</u>	<u>North Little Rock</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>
J. C. Tyus	L. T. Thompson	F. C. Souder
B. F. Littlejohn	J. I. Davis	E. L. Stewart
E. M. Johnson	Joyce G. Dozier	Fay Norman
A. Lofton	W. Harold Flowers	H. M. Magill
Mrs. Alice L. Preston	Monroe Williams	Mrs. S. A. Calvin
G. James Washington	James B. Porter	Mrs. Jessye D. Bouren

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE ROLL

### Ministerial Members

#### A: Effective

Anderson, Alexander M.	Johnson, Emanuel M.	Sanders, Edwin C.
Bright, William H. D.	Littlejohn, Benjamin F.	Sanders, Frank
Brown, Roy B.	Lloyd, Elijah L.	Souder, Franklin C.
Davie, Hilliard A.	London, Harlan	Stewart, E. L.
Davis, J. I.	Mitchell, Clifton	Thompson, Lewis T.
Douglas, Elliot M.	Nathan, Ralph G.	Tillmon, Cleveland G.
Dozier, Joyce G.	Norman, Fay	Troupe, General G.
Gibson, Oliver W.	Oliver, John H.	Tyus, James C.
Hall, Cortelyou C.	Pointer, Ira A.	Wallace, Eustace F.
Hickman, Elijah T.	Riley, Negail R.	Watson, Carter L.
Holland, Simmie P.	Roe, Charles H.	Washington, Harvey R.

#### B: Retired

Allbright, Hilliard A.	Holland, Needham W.	Shaw, Love S.
Buchanan, Alfred L.	Myers, Patrick H.	Thomas, Samuel N.
Green, William M.	Neal, Benjamin F.	Wilbun, Matthew M.
Hanna, William H.	Parker, Isaac P.	Winston, John W.
Hawkins, Daniel D.	Smith, John M.	Woodard, Anthony L.

#### C: On Trial

Grant, Donald E.	Jones, Samuel P.	Smith, Lloyd
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#### D: Approved Supplies

Banks, Clifton	Hill, B. Moore (Retired)	Moore, C. E. (Retired)
Davis, Connie	Jefferson, Thomas	Sims, Andrew
Douglas, Lee E.	Loder, George E.	Terry, D. W.
Hobbs, Joseph E.	Love, John M.	Thompson, John H.

## LAY DELEGATES

### SECTION III - Daily Proceedings

#### PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11th - 2:30 P. M.

The Southwest Annual Conference of The Methodist Church convened in the Eighty-first Annual Session at Quayle Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., presided over the opening session.

Hymn 402 - "And Are We Yet Alive".

Prayer - A. L. Buchanan.

Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Matthew VII.

Hymn 284 - "Am I A Soldier Of The Cross".

Meditation - "For this cause I left thee in Crete." Titus 1:5 - Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Bishop Clair addressed the Ministerial and Lay delegates of the Conference with much emphasis upon the responsibility of each as it relates to the call and service to the Ministry and Christian Stewardship.

The character of each District Superintendent was passed and the report of each Pastor read.

Bishop Clair admonished Pastors and Laymen for the tremendous neglect in regard to the total Stewardship program of the Conference, which resulted in an increasing deficit in the accepted budget for the year, over against the previous year.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Clair.

#### EVENING SESSION - 7:30 P. M.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Celebrant, assisted by the District Superintendents of the Conference.

COMMUNION MEDITATION - "Praising God by the Singing of a Hymn" Philippians IV, Saint Mark XIV:1-12.

Communion Hymns:

"Londonderry" - Toplady

"Let Us Break Bread Together" - Solo by Negail R. Riley

The offering for Fellowship of Suffering and Service was \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Benediction - Bishop Clair.

#### FIRST DAY - MORNING SESSION

Thursday, June 12th - 8:30 A. M.

Organ Ministry - Negail R. Riley

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Hymn 20 - "We Gather Together".

Prayer

Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Psalm XXIII.

Hymn 140 - "There Is A Fountain".

Meditation - "Wisdom and Knowledge" Proverbs II:10, Micah VI:8 -

W. Harry Bass.

#### BUSINESS SESSION:

Organization: The Conference was called to order by Bishop Clair.

#### ROLL CALL:

The Conference Secretary called the roll of Effective Elders, Retired Elders, Ministers on Trial, and Approved Supply Pastors.

The requests to be excused from the sessions of the Conference for illness, other legitimate reasons were presented from the following:

Allbright, Hilliard A.; Hanna, William H.; Holland, Simmie P.; London, Harlon P.; Neal, Benjamin F.; and Thompson, Lewis T. The excuses were accepted and received unanimous approval.

The names of those who had 'crossed the bar' during the year were read:

Brooks, Charles H.; Johnson, Willis D.; Kelley, Phamous H.; Tipton, Garfield F.

The Conference stood in silence while Bishop Clair offered prayer.

#### OFFICIAL PROGRAM ADOPTED:

On motion of E. M. Douglas and second of A. L. Buchanan, that the printed program be adopted as the official guide of the sessions, granting changes to be made at the discretion of Bishop Clair. Motion carried.

#### BAR OF THE CONFERENCE:

On motion of Fay Norman and second of Ira A. Pointer, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first three rows across the Sanctuary. Bishop Clair arbitrarily made the motion to include another row to eliminate crowded conditions.

On motion of C. G. Tillmon and second of W. H. D. Bright; Cortelyou C. Hall was elected Official Reporter to the Local Press, Methodist Information, and The Central Christian Advocate.

The Committee on Courtesy recommended R. J. Tolbert, Jr. to replace Edwin C. Sanders on the Committee. Recommendation accepted.

In the absence of a representative from The Methodist Publishing House, Bishop Clair presented the Conference a check in the amount of \$1,865.18, which represents the Conference's share in the profits of the publishing interests of The Methodist Church. The Secretary was authorized to write a letter of THANKS.

The character of Cleveland G. Tillmon was passed by the Ministerial delegates after which he read The Composite Report of The District Superintendents. (See Report) On motion of Clifton Mitchell and second of W. H. D. Bright that the report be adopted and become a part of the Conference Journal; and that an expression of gratitude be tendered the Superintendents. Motion carried.

### CONVOCAION ON URBAN LIFE IN AMERICA, 1958

Mimeographed copies of the report of The Conference Committee on Urban Life were distributed. The recommendations and resolutions were read and unanimously accepted with the following proviso submitted by Bishop Clair: "That the Board of Education, Committee on Urban Life, and the Board of Missions select books from the recommendation which deal with problems or needs in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and in co-operation with the District Superintendents, conduct workshops on District levels." (See Report)

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

J. C. Tyus presided over the session.

Dr. Benjamin F. Allgood, Associate Secretary, Division of National Missions, Board of Missions of The Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was the guest speaker. He presented the total program of Missions to the Conference in a dramatically detailed and painstaking manner. There was evidenced an awareness of the magnitude of Missions as it relates to a Christian responsibility in the outreach of the Church.

Mrs. Edith Strong, Chairman, Commission on Television, Radio and Film, read the report of the Commission emphasizing the importance of the Conference meeting its financial obligation toward the advancement in this area of our Christian Ministry. (See Report)

The Treasurer named as his assistants: Franklin C. Souder, Hilliard A. Davie, and Mrs. Earnestine M. Miller. Recommendation accepted.

The following introductions were made: Reverends J. D. Provo, Johnson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mesdames Gamble and Collins; Reverend G. W. Harper, Wichita, Kansas, Central West Conference; and Dr. Timothy B. Echols, Board of Pensions, Chicago, Illinois.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

Presiding - A. L. Buchanan.

Hymn 402 - "And Are We Yet Alive."

Prayer - J. Murray Smith.

Hymn 402 (continued) Fourth Stanza.

Solo - "When I've Gone The Last Mile" - A. L. Buchanan.

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Job V.

Meditation - "Ripe For Harvesting" - D. D. Hawkins.

Doxology

Benediction - D. D. Hawkins.

The Elogy was a beautiful comparison of a farmer and a Christian in preparation for life, now, and Eternal Life.

### AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:00 P. M.

Devotions - Hilliard A. Davie.

Hymn 248 - "Near The Cross."

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Psalm LI.

Prayer

Business Session:

The following persons were nominated for the Class of 1961 of The Board of Trustees: B. F. Littlejohn; Clifton Mitchell; and H. M. Magill. They were elected by a unanimous vote.

Disciplinary Questions 4 through 14 and 21 through 31 were read and answered. (See Section IV)

A rather unprecedented incident was witnessed as Bishop Clair read Disciplinary Question 48 at this early stage of the Conference business. At this point Attorney W. Harold Flowers, Lay delegate, Saint James Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, extended an invitation for the 1959 Session. A motion to close the nomination was made by E. M. Douglas and second of W. Harry Bass. The vote was unanimous.

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Clinton Anderson, Chairman, presided over the session.

The Reverend Randle B. Dew, Staff member of The Department of General Church School Work, The General Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee, was the guest speaker. He gave a most thorough interpretation of the relationship of the General Board of Education to the Conference Board of Education and the Local Church Commission on Education in regard to an effective program of Christian Education. The 1958-59 area of the Quadrennial Emphasis of The Local Church primarily focused upon The Organization of New Church Schools was a major concern for emphasis. The Cabinet, Executive Secretary, and staff pledged themselves to give guidance to this, particularly in the Urban areas and such neglected areas as are found within the Conference.

Remarks were made by The Executive Secretary emphasizing the importance of Church School Rally Day, September 28, 1958. An urgent appeal was made for recruitment of delegates to the First Youth Convocation of The Saint Louis Area, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, August 4-8, 1958.



Mrs. Edith Strong, Chairman of TRAFKO, introduced Mrs. Vivian Reno, Executive Secretary of The Oklahoma Council of Churches and Dr. Robert H. Alexander, President of the Council. Mrs. Reno spoke briefly of the value of Audio-Visual Aids in promoting the Ecumenical Movement of the Christian Churches.

WORSHIP SERVICE: Edwin C. Sanders, presiding.

Devotions - Everett S. Marbly.

Hymn 279 - "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Romans XII:1-12.

Hymn 438 - "Holy Spirit, Hear Us."

Sermon - "The Proper Use of Talents" Matthew XV - Dr. E. W. Parker, District Superintendent, Oklahoma District (SCJ) The Methodist Church.

Hymn 185 - "God Calling Yet."

Benediction

Dr. Parker delivered a sermon filled with the dynamics of a Christian application of God given talents. His closing words were an expression of sincere gratitude for the privilege of this hour of fellowship and Worship.

#### EVENING SESSION - 7:30 P. M.

Dean Curtis D. Gillespie, Philander Smith College, Faculty representative on the Commission on Christian Higher Education, gave a pictorial story in film and slides of the Student activities, Expansion program, and architectural drawings of the College.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOARD OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

W. Harry Bass, presiding.

Ministry of Music

Hymn 283 - "Stand Up For Jesus."

Hymn 209 - "Amazing Grace."

Choral selection - Quayle Methodist Church Choir.

Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - I Corinthians XIII.

Prayer - Choral response.

Choral selection - "Lead Me, Guide Me."

Message - "At The Heart Of Things" - Oliver W. Gibson.

Hymn 276 - "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."

Offertory

Announcements

Hymn - "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Benediction - W. H. D. Bright.

Oliver W. Gibson, Chairman of The Board of Social and Economic Relations, delivered the Anniversary Message in the absence of The Reverend Leland B. Clegg, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who was to represent The General Board of Social and Economic Relations; but, due to a recent assignment within The Oklahoma Conference (SCJ), was unable to be present. The Reverend Gibson very ably presented situations relating to Social and Economic Relations existing within our immediate boundaries which are in dire need of an application of the Christian approach. The highlight of his message can be summarized in the closing statement: "Demand - What should be; Command - What could be."

#### SECOND DAY - MORNING SESSION

Friday, June 13th - 8:30 A. M.

Organ Ministry - Negail R. Riley, Attway Ausbie



## WORSHIP SERVICE:

Hymn 236 - "Saviour, More Than Life To Me."

Hymn 232 - "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures.

Prayer - Fay Norman.

Hymn 248 - "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross."

Meditation - "Rise, Let Us Be Going" - Elliott M. Douglas.

Hymn 209 - "Amazing Grace."

The Conference was called into Business Session by the President.

The Report of The Committee on Journal was read by Mrs. Alice

Preston who moved the adoption with the necessary editing. Motion carried.

Elliott M. Douglas recommended that the next session of The Conference begin on Tuesday afternoon and close with the reading of Appointments on Friday evening. Bishop Clair over-ruled the recommendation with a statement that the Conference had not grown to this point as of now; and that we must think of at least one Sunday Service in appreciation of the courtesies of the Host Church.

W. Harry Bass asked permission to be excused from attending the remaining sessions of the Conference. The same was granted by unanimous vote. Emanuel M. Johnson, Superintendent of The North Little Rock District, offered a verbal excuse for George E. Loder, in absentia. His excuse was that Brother Loder had to return to A. M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to resume his teaching duties. Bishop Clair stated that each Minister is required to attend the sessions of the Conference; and that he is to remain throughout, unless he, personally, asks permission of the Conference.

The report of The Commission on World Service and Finance was made by Milton A. Lawson. The report was prefaced, verbally, with a detailed statement of the apparent negligence of Ministers and Laymen to meet adequately our Stewardship obligations and the importance of our loyalty to all of the causes accepted in the adoption of the report of the Commission at the sessions of the Conference at Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 13-16, 1957.

Mimeographed copies of the report were given all delegates. The recommendations (only) were read by Milton A. Lawson, who moved the adoption of the same. Motion carried. (See Report) Bishop Clair advised that all deficits be applied to Charges wherein incurred from year to year.

Fay Norman spoke words of praise to Brother Lawson and the members of the Commission on World Service and Finance for the very detailed manner in which the Budget was presented and pro rated.

In accordance with Paragraph 686, Discipline of The Methodist Church, 1956, the District Superintendents were granted permission to hold District Conferences within the Conference year 1958-1959. Decision unanimous.

Elliott M. Douglas questioned the power of speech, and 'etc' granted Approved Supply Pastors (Paragraph 622, Discipline of The Methodist Church, 1956). Bishop Clair advised that the contents of said paragraph had been ruled unconstitutional by the Judicial Council of The Methodist Church.

Bishop Clair requested Negail R. Riley to be present at the Saturday afternoon session to be read into Full Membership of the Conference.

Carter L. Watson was requested to convene the Committee on Conference Relations immediately at the close of the afternoon session.

Maceo D. Pembroke was requested to convene the members of the Commission on Higher Education with Dr. M. Lafayette Harris at five o'clock this afternoon.

The report of The Board of Education was made by Clinton Anderson, Chairman. Mimeographed copies were given to each delegate. The recommendations (only) were read. Bishop Clair asked the acceptance of

substitute recommendations for numbers 1 and 2 as is found on the mimeographed report. On motion of Clinton Anderson, the report was received and adopted with the substitution of the aforementioned recommendations. Motion carried. (See Report)

The report of The Board of Missions was read by J. C. Tyus, who moved the adoption of the same. Motion carried. (See Report)

The report of The Board of Trustees was read by Clifton Mitchell. On motion of B. F. Littlejohn and second of P. H. Myers that the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted. Motion carried.

### ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mrs. C. G. Washington, presiding.

The work of The Woman's Society of Christian Service was dramatically presented in a demonstration of Rocket Launching by the Conference officers of the Society. These Rockets were the interpretation of the purpose of the Mission program of The Methodist Church, i. e.; To Commit; To Accept; To Interpret; To Confront; To Create; To Identify; and To Speak and Act.

A very interesting 'echo' was given from The Fifth General Assembly which convened in Saint Louis, Missouri, May 6-9, 1958. (See Report)

#### Conference Business:

Unfinished matters related to reports of Boards made in the previous session were considered:

(a) That the item on Budget of Commission on World Service and Finance which previously read EXPENSE FUND be changed to read DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND. The same was adopted.

(b) That in compliance with the recommendation of The Board of Trustees, Attorney W. Harold Flowers be secured as legal counsellor in the case of disposing of abandoned church property. It was further suggested that any fees accumulated would be deducted from said sale or disposition.

Bishop Clair advised that in view of the growing industrial situation in and/or around Eudora and Camden, Arkansas, we should discontinue the thought of abandoning said property. The aforementioned recommendation adopted.

The following introductions were made: Dr. J. Herbert Touchstone, Associate Secretary, General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, Illinois; The Reverend W. Taft Watts, Director, Baptist Educational Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The benediction was pronounced by The Reverend W. Taft Watts.

### AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:00 P. M.

Devotions - Elijah T. Hickman.

#### Conference Business:

The report of The Committee on Nominations of the Board of Lay Activities was read by James B. Porter, who moved the adoption of the same. Motion received and adopted. G. James Washington was elected Conference Lay Leader by a unanimous vote; after which he read the report of the Board of Lay Activities. (See Report). For list of District and Associate Lay Leaders, See Section II.

Disciplinary Question 46: Ralph G. Nathan, upon request, was relieved of his duties on the Stamps Circuit, October 28, 1957. *view*

The secretary was authorized to answer Disciplinary Questions 10 through 13, being specific with Number 12 (c) adding the deficit of 1957-1958 to the Budget figure of 1958-1959. (See Section IV)

Acknowledgement was made of greetings from The Minnesota and The Kansas Annual Conferences. Bishop Clair had previously sent each of them felicitations from the Conference.

The following introduction was made: The Reverend J. B. Walker, Pastor, Saint Mary's Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The Benediction was pronounced by The Reverend J. B. Walker.

#### THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

G. James Washington, presiding.

Hymn 267 - "Rise Up, O Men Of God."

Prayer - G. James Washington.

Hymn 381 - "The Church's One Foundation."

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Ephesians VI:11-19

Introduction of Speaker - John S. Gullins.

Message - "Christian Stewardship" - Dr. J. Herbert Touchstone.

Dr. Touchstone spoke of the vastness of the importance of active Methodist Men Groups; the increased interest as has been shown by laymen toward the Every Member Canvass as they seek to make real the values of Christian Stewardship.

WORSHIP SERVICE: R. J. Tolbert, Jr. presiding.

Hymn 266 - "O Young and Fearless Prophet."

Prayer

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures.

Sermon - "Come, Let Us Build Ourselves A City" - Alexander M.

Anderson.

Hymn 268 - "Are Ye Able."

Closing Hymn 44 - "Day Is Dying In The West."

Benediction

#### EVENING SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Edith Strong presented the program of the Television Ministry. An enlarged replica of a ten-cent piece was displayed as a per capita asking for the support of the work throughout the Conference. Each Ministerial and Lay delegate was asked to raise the per capita quota and remit the same to the Conference Treasurer. Such remittances would be applied to World Service askings.

7:30 P. M.

#### THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Edwin C. Sanders, presiding.

Hymn 279 - "God Of Grace."

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Proverbs IX.

Prayer.

Choral selection - Children's Choir, Quayle Methodist Church.

Hymn 73 - "Be Still, My Soul."

Voice - "The Lord Is My Light" - Negail R. Riley.

Message - "Christian Higher Education Meeting Our Needs" - Dr.

M. Lafayette Harris, President, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Hymn 562 - "All Saints."

Announcements

Benediction

Dr. Harris gave a motivating history of the achievements of Philander Smith College through the ninety years of its existence. Even through many

difficulties of the past, we can now see her reaching to the stars as we pledge our allegiance to the Expansion Program.

Emphasis was upon the program of Finance, Recruitment, and The Use of the College Resources in the promotion of the work of Christian Education within the Conference.

### PRAYER VIGIL

10:30 P. M. to 6:00 A. M. (Saturday, June 14th)

The Prayer Vigil was conducted by Ira A. Pointer, Conference Secretary of Evangelism, assisted by several Ministers. This period of Christian Witness and Prayer was substantially attended.

### THIRD DAY - MORNING SESSION

Saturday, June 14th - 8:30 A. M.

Organ Ministry - Negail R. Riley

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Hymn 284 - "Am I A Soldier Of The Cross."

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer

Hymn 287 - "A Charge To Keep I Have."

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Daniel III:3-19.

Meditation - "Courage and Faith" - Benjamin F. Littlejohn.

Hymn 240 - "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

The Conference was called into Business Session by the President.

The Report of the Committee on Journal was read by Mrs. Alice Preston, who moved the adoption of the same. Motion carried.

Clinton Anderson, Chairman of The Board of Education, read a memorial from a special meeting of the Board of Education, which was convened, Friday, June 13th, during the supper hour.

"That the Southwest Conference will have a full-time Executive Secretary; further that, Edwin C. Sanders, who has served on a part-time basis, be appointed to the position."

On motion of Clinton Anderson and second of Elliott M. Douglas the recommendation was adopted unanimously.

The Report of The Commission on Christian Higher Education was read by Mrs. C. G. Washington. The Commission members recommended a re-affirmation of the recommendations as listed on pages 46 and 47 in the Journal of 1957-1958 and that the same will be re-written in the Journal of 1958-1959. (See Report). Mrs. Washington moved the adoption of the report. Seconded by W. H. D. Bright. Motion carried.

Bishop Clair advised that we begin to study the program of Christian Higher Education as it relates to the local Church and the substantiation of the Spiritual Life therein.

Oliver W. Gibson read the report of the Board of Christian Social Relations, and moved the adoption of the same. Seconded by W. H. D. Bright. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (See Report)

Report of The Committee on Conference Relations was read by Carter G. Watson, in regard to Disciplinary Questions: 31, 32, 40 and 42 (a).

D. D. Hawkins, Retired Relations (See Section IV, 42 'a')

Ralph G. Nathan, Supernumerary Relations (See Section IV, 40)

Negail Rudolph Riley, Elders Orders (See Section IV, 31 (a) and 32)

Bishop Clair, assisted by the G.S., read the Service of Retirement for D. D. Hawkins.

The Cabinet presented the names of Mrs. J. Willetta Simmons and James H. Thompson as Lay members of the Board of Education. The nominations were confirmed by a unanimous vote.



These Report of The Ministers' Wives and the Roll Call for the 2% of Pastors' Cash Salary were made by Mrs. B. A. Fields. (See Report)

The Reverend Hermes Zimmerman, Secretary, Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund, Saint Louis Area, Chicago, Illinois, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the importance of qualifying at an early date for membership in the MRPF.

The Report of The Board of Pensions was read by E. L. Stewart, who moved the adoption of the same. Seconded by Elijah L. Lloyd. Motion carried. (See Report)

Dr. Timothy B. Echols, Associate Secretary, Board of Pensions, addressed the Conference in regard to the seriousness of the matter of our Pension obligations. The available funds as of this hour point toward a decrease in the per annum rate of fifty cents. This means that our Claimants will receive annuities at the rate of \$6.00 per year of service. A last minute appeal was made that such might not be the status at the close of this Session.

The Report of the Statistician was made by Ira A. Pointer and his assistants. On motion of Ira A. Pointer and second of C. C. Hall the report was adopted with the recommendation to make necessary corrections.

The following introductions were made: The Reverend Berlyn V. Farris, Member The Administrative Staff, The General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tennessee; The Reverend B. J. James, Jones Temple C. M. E. Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

The Benediction was pronounced by The Reverend B. J. James.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:00 P. M.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Devotions - W. H. D. Bright.

Hymn 231 - "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour."

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Saint Matthew VI:1-2.

Prayer - Clifton Mitchell.

Message - The Reverend Berlyn V. Farris.

The Reverend Farris spoke of the Evangelistic approach to the ills of our world. Emphasis was upon Visitation Evangelism where laymen are given an opportunity for Christian Witness. The Conference Board of Evangelism was encouraged to have representation at The Convocation on Evangelism, Washington, D. C. July \_\_, 1958.

Business Session:

The secretary read a telegram of greetings from The Georgia Conference, in session at Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia. Bishop Clair authorized him to send a telegram of felicitations in response.

Eustace F. Wallace, Conference Treasurer, read his report. On motion of Elliott M. Douglas and second of Joyce G. Dozier that the report be received. Motion carried. (See Report)

The following Ministers were named to officiate at The Celebration of The Holy Communion, Sunday Morning, June 15th, 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 A. M.: Elliott M. Douglas, John H. Thompson, Negail R. Riley, and Clifton Banks.

#### ADMISSION INTO FULL CONNECTION

Hymn 400 - "Jesus! The Name High Over All"

Candidate: Negail Rudolph Riley

Bishop Clair read from The Ritual of The Methodist Church, Paragraph 1924. The Effective and Retired Elders of the Conference voted unanimously the acceptance of the above named candidate.



Hymn 2 - "Come, Thou Almighty King." we  
Upon request of Bishop Clair, and on account of the intense heat, the  
Conference was adjourned for the remainder of the afternoon.  
The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Clair.

#### EVENING SESSION - 7:30 P. M.

Ministry of Music:

"Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

"Jesus, Lover Of My Soul"

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Mark XXVIII:19-24.

Prayer

Hymns: 460 and 300

"Lord, Speak To Me"

"Be Strong! We Are Not Here To Play"

Message - "A Study Of Church Structure" - The Reverend Maceo D. Pembroke, Administrative Assistant, The Saint Louis Area.

Closing Hymn 288 - "Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Calling."

The Reverend Pembroke masterfully presented the Structure of The Church. Special emphasis was placed upon the brochure, "Christ and Our Resources," which is the second phase of our reading, Toward A More Effective Church.

A rather motivating climax was reached as he encouraged us to - Catch Dreams; Make Full Use of Human Power. And as we plan, look at ourselves. Analyze, make goals. These commands are paramount if we are to cure our ills within the Southwest Conference.

8:45 P. M.

#### METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP DRAMA:

The Youth of the Conference made a dramatic presentation of The Methodist Youth Fund in the play, "Windows Of The World." All of the settings for the four acts were planned by the Youth of Quayle Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Rosemarie Hudson, member of the Council of Adult Workers With Youth. The offering for the MYF Fund was \$10.50.

The Executive Secretary expressed gratitude for this noticeable accomplishment among our Youth.

The Benediction was pronounced by Edwin C. Sanders.

#### FOURTH DAY - MORNING SESSION

Sunday, June 15th - 8:00 A. M.

HOLY COMMUNION

LOVE FEAST - A. L. Buchanan

10:30 A. M. Morning Worship - Ordination and Appointments

Processional - "God Of Our Fathers" - Warren.

Hymn 17 - "Duke Street. L.M." - Watts.

Prayer of Confession

Anthem - "How Great Thou Art."

The Responsive Reading The Eighteenth Sunday

The Gloria Patri

The Affirmation of Faith

The Lesson from The Holy Scriptures - Psalm XIV, I Timothy VI.

Pastoral Prayer - A. L. Buchanan.

Offertory

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Sermon - "The Love Of Money" - I Timothy VI -- Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.

Solo - "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands" - Negail R. Riley.  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Ordination of Elder

#### BUSINESS SESSION:

The Conference was called into the final Business Session by the Bishop.

The following changes were recommended:

Board of Missions: Emanuel M. Johnson to replace Cortelyou C. Hall.

Board of Evangelism: C. G. Tillmon to replace Ira A. Pointer.

On motion of Elliott M. Douglas and second of Clifton Mitchell that these appointments be confirmed. Motion carried.

The Report of the Committee on Journal was read by Mrs. Alice Preston, with authorization that the last session become a part of the Journal after the same has been edited and approved by the Committee on Publication. She moved the adoption of the same. Motion carried.

The District Boards of Church Location and Building were read and confirmed. (See Section II)

Bishop Clair announced the transfer-in of Harvey Washington, Lexington Conference, June 15th. The transfer-out of W. Harry Bass and Robert J. Tolbert, Jr. to the Lexington Conference, June 15th.

The Report of the Committee on Courtesy was read by Donald E. Grant, who moved the adoption. Motion carried. (See Report)

The Board of Education recommended the Elliott M. Douglas and the Edwin C. Sanders' families to represent the Southwest Conference at the Family Life Conference, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October, 1958.

On motion of Elliott M. Douglas and second of Joyce G. Dozier, after the reading of appointments, the Eighty-first Session of the Southwest Conference stands adjourned Sine Die. Motion carried.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

The list of appointments was read by the Bishop. (See Section V)

The announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Clair.

Matthew W. Clair, Jr. President  
Edwin C. Sanders, Secretary

Secretary's Certificate.

#### SECTION IV

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH

#### THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

#### MINUTES

Of The  
Southwest Annual Conference

Held in Quayle Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma from June 12, 1958 through June 15, 1958.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., presiding.

Date when organized \_\_\_\_\_ Number of this session - Eighty-first

## PART I. ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (para. 629, 803):  
Secretary? Edwin C. Sanders  
P.O. 1516 W. Barraque St., Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
Statistician? Ira A. Pointer  
P.O. 619 N. Elgin Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Treasurer? Eustace F. Wallace  
P.O. 309 N. Lindsay St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (para. 625.) Yes
3. Bonding and auditing:
  - a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (para. 640, 729, 807.) Treasurer, \$15,000.00
  - b) Have the books of said officers of persons been audited? (para. 640, 729, 803, 807.) Yes
4. Have the conference boards, commissions, and committees been appointed or elected (para. 666-80, 695, 721): (Answer Yes or No):
  - a) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications? Yes
  - b) Committee on Conference Relations? Yes
  - c) District Committees on Ministerial Qualifications? Yes
  - d) Committee of Investigation? Yes
  - e) District Boards of Church Location and Building? Yes
  - f) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes
  - g) Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes
  - h) Commission on Town and Country Work? Yes
  - i) Deaconess Board? Yes
  - j) Board of Missions? Yes
  - k) Board of Education? Yes
  - l) Board of Temperance? Yes
  - m) Board of Lay Activities? Yes
  - n) Board of Hospitals and Homes? Yes
  - o) Board of Evangelism? Yes
  - p) Board of Pensions? Yes
  - q) Commission on Christian Vocations? Yes
  - r) Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service? Yes
  - s) Commission on Minimum Salaries? Yes
  - t) Commission on Promotion and Cultivation? Yes
  - u) Committee on Reserve Pensions? Yes
  - v) Quadrennial Committee on Local-Church Goals? Yes
  - w) Optional commissions and committees? Yes
5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The Methodist Church? (para. 662.) Yes
6. What is the report of the statistician? (See report.) Section VI
7. What is the report of the treasurer? (See report.) Section VI
8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See supplementary report.)
9. What is the schedule of minimum salaries for pastors? (para. 826.) No schedule. Note: Commission on minimum salary authorized to study plan through Quadrennium.
10. What is the plan and what are the approved claims for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (para. 801-2.) (See Section VI - Report of Commission on World Service and Finance)
11. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of conference claimants? (para. 1623, 1645-4.) 15% Pastors' Cash Salary
12. What are the apportionments to this conference:
  - a) For the World Service Fund?
  - b) For the Episcopal Fund?

- c) For the General Administration Fund?
- d) For the Interdenominational Co-operation Fund?
- e) For the Jurisdictional Administration Fund?
- 13. What is the percentage division between world service and conference benevolences for the current year:  
World service? \_\_\_\_\_ % Conference benevolences? \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 14. What are the reports, recommendations, and plans of the conference agencies:
  - a) What is the report of the Board of Pensions and what appropriations for conference claimants are reported and approved? (para. 1623.)
  - b) What is the report of the Board of Missions of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? (para. 1303.)
  - c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (para. 791-812.)
  - d) What is the report of the Commission on Christian Vocations? (para. 675-77.)
  - e) What are the other reports?
- 15. What Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for annuity responsibility? (para. 1618-2c, 9.)
- 16. What date is determined for Golden Cross Enrollment Sunday? (para. 1559.)
- 17. Conference lay leader (para. 1507):
  - a) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) What is his reports?
  - c) Who are district and associate district lay leaders? (para. 1510.)
- 18. What local churches have been:
  - a) Organized? (para. 155.) None
  - b) Merged? (para. 186-87.) None
  - c) Discontinued? (para. 126, 188, 354.) None
  - d) Relocated, and to what address? None
  - e) Transferred into this conference from the Central Jurisdiction, and with what membership (para. 532):
    - 1) This year? None
    - 2) Previously? None

## PART II. PERTAINING TO MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

- 19. Are all the ministerial members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration?
- 20. Who constitute the Conference Committee of Investigation? (para. 931.)  
C. C. Hall, E. F. Wallace, E. M. Johnson, Fay Norman
- 21. Who are the approved supply pastors:
  - a) Student approved supply pastors? (para. 317-1, 318), and in what schools are they enrolled? Marbly, Everett S. (Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas)
  - b) Part-time approved supply pastors (para. 317-2, 318), and what progress has each made in the course of study? Banks, Clifton, 1st year; Davis, Connie, 1st year; Hobbs, Joseph, 1st year; Jefferson, Thomas, 1st year; Loder, George E., 1st year; Terry, D. W., 1st year; Thompson, John H., 3rd year.
  - c) Full-time approved supply pastors (para. 317-3, 318), and what progress has each made in the course of study? Douglas, L. E.; Love, John M., 3rd year; Sims, Andrew, 3rd year.
- 22. What approved supply pastors are credited with annuity claim on account of full-time service during the past year? (para. 1631.) Douglas, L. E.; Love, John M.; Sims, Andrew.



23. What preachers, coming from other evangelical churches, have had their orders recognized (para. 411):  
 a) As local deacons? None  
 b) As local elders? None
24. Who have been admitted from other evangelical churches as traveling preachers: (See note under question 33.)  
 a) As members on trial: Deacons? None  
 Elders? None  
 b) As members in full connection: Deacons? None  
 Elders? None
25. Who are admitted on trial: (List alphabetically. See note under  
 a) With degrees from approved colleges and credits from approved schools of theology? (para. 323-24.) None  
 b) With degrees from colleges not accredited by the University Senate and credits from approved schools of theology? (para. 325-1.) None  
 c) With degrees from approved colleges and completion of the introductory studies for the ministry? (para. 325-2.) None  
 d) With partial college credit, completion of the four-year course of study, and six years' service as approved supply pastors? (para. 325-3.) None
26. Who are continued on trial; and what progress have they made in their ministerial studies (para. 330):  
 a) In approved schools of theology? Jones, Samuel P. (Gammon)  
 b) In the four-year course of study? Grant, Donald E., 1st year; Smith, Lloyd, 1st year; Tolbert, Robert J., Jr., 1st year.  
 c) In the two years of special study? (para. 343-2.) None
27. Who on trial are discontinued? None
28. Who are admitted into full connection? (List alphabetically. See note under question 33.)  
 London, Harlon  
 Riley, Negail Rudolph
29. Who have been elected deacons (para. 393): (See note under question 33.)  
 a) Theological students? None  
 b) Members on trial in the course of study? None  
 c) Approved supply pastors? None  
 d) Other local preachers? None  
 e) Missionaries? None  
 f) Chaplains? None
30. Who have been ordained deacons? (See note under question 33.) None
31. Who have been elected elders (para. 403): (See note under question 33.)  
 a) Theological graduates:  
 London, Harlon (to be ordained elsewhere)  
 Riley, Negail Rudolph  
 b) Course of study graduates? None  
 c) Approved supply pastors? None  
 d) Other local preachers? None  
 e) Missionaries? None  
 f) Chaplains? None
32. Who have been ordained elders? (See note under question 33.)  
 Riley, Negail Rudolph
33. Who have been admitted or ordained to accommodate other conferences:  
 a) Admitted: On trial? None  
 Into full connection? None  
 b) Ordained after election by this conference: Deacons? None  
 Elders? None  
 c) Ordained after election by other conferences: Deacons? None  
 Elders? None
- (NOTE: Members of this conference who were admitted or ordained through the accommodation of other conferences during the year should be



listed under Questions 24-32, whichever are appropriate, along with their fellow members who were admitted or ordained at the current session. In each case the date and accommodating conference should be recorded. Under Question 33 should be listed persons, now members of other conferences, who were members of this conference only during the period necessary for their admission or ordination, if at all. In each case the conference of which the person is now a member, and any other conference involved, should be recorded. Transfers preceding or following actual service in this conference should be listed un Questions 36-37.)

34. Who are readmitted:

- a) As deacons? None
- b) As elders? None

35. What retired members have been made effective? None

36. Who have been received by transfer? (List alphabetically. If probationer, so indicate. See note under question 33.)

Name	Conference	Date
Washington, Harvey	Lexington	June 15, 1958

37. Who have been transferred out? (List alphabetically. See note under question 33.)

Name	Conference	Date
Bass, W. Harry	Lexington	June 15, 1958
Tolbert, Robert, J. Jr.	Lexington	June 15, 1958

38. Who have had their conference membership terminated:

- a) By voluntary location? None
- b) By involuntary location? None
- c) By withdrawal? None
- d) By judicial procedure (expelled)? None

39. Deceased: (List alphabetically.)

a) What ministerial members have died during the year?

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Date rec. into full connection in a conference
Retired:			
Brooks, Charles H.		Oct. 26, 1957	Jan. 29, 1913
Johnson, Willis D.		May 11, 1958	1919
Kelley, Phamous H.	June 25, 1884	May 8, 1958	1911
Tipton, Garfield F.		Nov. 20, 1957	1910

Effective: None

On trial: None

b) What approved supply pastors have died during the year? None

c) What deaconesses have died during the year? None

40. Who are the supernumerary ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (para. 365.)

Name and Number of Years

Nathan, Ralph G. (Granted June 15, 1958)

41. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (para. 364.) None

42. What ministerial members have been retired: (List alphabetically.)

a) This year?

Hawkins, Daniel D.

b) Previously?

Allbright, Hilliard A.

Buchanan, Alfred L.

Green, William H.

Hanna, William H.

Holland, Needham W.

Myers, Patrick H.

Neal, Benjamin F.

Parker, Isaac P.

Smith, John Murray

Shaw, Love S.

Thomas, Samuel N.

Wilbun, Matthew M.

Winston, John W.

Woodard, Anthony L.

43. What approved supply pastors have been retired:

a) This year? None

b) Previously?

Hill, B. Moore

Moore, C. E.

44. Who are appointed to attend school? (List alphabetically.) None

45. What is the number of:

a) General Information:

Pastoral charges? -----	47	Withdrawn? -----	0
Approved supply pastors? --	10	Expelled? -----	0
Received on trial? -----	0	Indebtedness? -----	
Received into full connection?	1	Located? -----	0
Transferred in? -----	1	Deceased? -----	4
Total value? -----		Local preachers? -----	
Transferred out? -----	2	Women under appointment? --	1
Received from other		Retired made effective? -----	0
evangelical churches? -----	0	Retired serving as supply	
Readmitted? -----	0	pastors? -----	7
Discontinued? -----	0	District parsonages? -----	0

b) Ministerial members:

(1) On trial:

(a) As pastors? -----	2
(b) Under special appointment? --	0
(c) Appointed to attend school? --	1
Total on trial? -----	3

(2) In full connection:

(a) Effective:

(i) As pastors and district superintendents? --	28
(ii) Under special appointment? -----	4
(iii) Appointed to attend school? -----	0
(iv) On sabbatical leave? -----	0
Total effective? -----	32

(b) Retired? ----- 15

(c) Supernumerary? ----- 1

Total ministerial members: (Add total on trial, effective,  
retired, and supernumerary.) ----- 51

46. What other personal notation should be made? Ralph G. Nathan, upon request, was relieved of his duties on the Stamps Circuit, October 28, 1957.

### PART III. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

47. What are the detailed objectives of this conference for the coming year?

(See supplementary report.)

48. Where shall the next conference session be held? St. James Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

49. Is there any other business? None

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

51. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See list of appointments.) (Section V)

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 13, 1958

To the Bishop and Cabinet:

IT IS RECOMMENDED that a committee be appointed to study the effectiveness of closer correlation of the program of promotion, cultivation, and interpretation of the four major commissions and the Area of Social Concerns.

Clinton Anderson, Chairman  
Mrs. Lula M. Tillman

## SECTION V - APPOINTMENTS

### Southwest Conference

1958-1959

Little Rock District: John H. Oliver, Superintendent, Route 9, Box 525,  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

CENTER POINT and PARALOMA: (Anthony L. Woodard) Route 5,  
Lockesburg, Arkansas

CONWAY - MARCHE: Benjamin F. Littlejohn, 709 Pine Street, Conway, Ark.

FAYETTEVILLE: (A. L. Buchanan) P.O. Box 127, Fayetteville, Arkansas

FORT SMITH: Harvey Washington, 1113 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, Ark.

HOPE, CLOW and SARATOGA: Hilliard A. Davie, 602 N. Hazel St., Hope, Ark.

HORATIO CIRCUIT: (William H. Hanna) P.O. Box 33, Horatio, Arkansas

HOT SPRINGS - CADDO GAP: Emanuel M. Johnson, 249 Walnut Street,  
Hot Springs, Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK:

Brown Chapel, Center Ridge, and Springfield: Elijah T. Hickman, 1320  
South Cleveland Street, Little Rock, Arkansas

White Memorial: Oliver W. Gibson, 1406 South Valmar Street, Little  
Rock, Arkansas

LOCKESBURG: James C. Tyus, P.O. Box 171, Lockesburg, Arkansas

MAUMELLE and MORRILTON: (Daniel D. Hawkins) 2101 Cross Street,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

MURFREESBORO and BENGIN: Carter L. Watson, P. O. Box 74,  
Murfreesboro, Arkansas

NATURAL STEPS and ROLAND: (W.H. Piggee) Route 5, Box 369, Little  
Rock, Arkansas

PANKEY ADDITION - PLEASANT HILL: (L.E. Douglas) Route 5, Box 374,  
Little Rock, Arkansas

TEXARKANA: R. B. Brown, 316 East Street, Texarkana, Arkansas

VAN BUREN - DANVILLE: Lloyd Smith, 524 Knox Street, Van Buren, Ark.  
District Missionary Secretary - Elijah T. Hickman  
District Secretary of Evangelism - R. B. Brown

North Little Rock District: Cortelyou C. Hall, Superintendent, 102 Robin  
Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas

BATESVILLE - SIDNEY: Lewis T. Thompson, 902 Remmel Avenue,  
Newport, Arkansas

BULLOCK and STAMPS CIRCUIT: (D. W. Terry) 1307 Olive Street, North  
Little Rock, Arkansas

CARTHAGE CIRCUIT: (Hilliard Allbright) General Delivery, Carthage, Ark.

CLARENDON CIRCUIT: G.G. Troupe, 1821 Scull Street, Pine Bluff, Ark.

COTTON PLANT CIRCUIT - BRINKLEY: (John H. Thompson) P.O. Box 461,  
Cotton Plant, Arkansas

DERMOTT - GOULD - MCGEHEE: W. H. D. Bright, P.O. Box 78, Dermott,  
Arkansas

FORREST CITY: (Benjamin F. Neal) General Delivery, Forrest City,  
Arkansas

HUGHES CIRCUIT: (Clifton Banks) P.O. Box 257, Marianna, Arkansas

JOHNSVILLE CIRCUIT: C.H. Roe, Route 3, Box 323, Minden, Louisiana

LITTLE ROCK:

Duncan Chapel: Clifton Mitchell, 320 East 27th St., Little Rock, Arkansas

Wesley Chapel: Alexander M. Anderson, 1113 State St., Little Rock, Ark.

LONOKE - FORDYCE: J. I. Davis, 1020 Garfield Street, Little Rock, Ark.

MARIANNA CIRCUIT: (John M. Love) P.O. Box 109, Marianna, Arkansas

NEWPORT: Lewis T. Thompson, 902 Remmel Avenue, Newport, Arkansas

NORTH LITTLE ROCK: (To be supplied)

## PINE BLUFF:

Saint James: Joyce G. Dozier, 314 South Poplar St., Pine Bluff, Ark.

Saint Mark: Frank Sanders, 817 E. 15th St., North Little Rock, Ark.

SCRUGGS - UNION GROVE: (Thomas Jefferson) P.O.Box 41, Caldwell, Ark.

SWEET HOME - HENSLEY: (Everett S. Marbly) 1019 Izard Street, Little Rock, Arkansas

District Secretary of Missions - Joyce G. Dozier

District Secretary of Evangelism - Clifton Mitchell

Oklahoma District: Ira A. Pointer, Superintendent, 619 N. Elgin Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma

ANADARKO - ALTUS - LAWTON: Donald E. Grant, 603 E. Washington Street, Anadarko, Oklahoma

ARDMORE: Franklin C. Souder, 39 G Street, N.E., Ardmore, Oklahoma

EUFULA: (J. Murray Smith) 628 South 3rd Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma

GUTHRIE - CRESCENT - LANGSTON: Elijah L. Lloyd, 308 E. Perkins Street, Guthrie, Oklahoma

HUGO CIRCUIT - COLBERT - GRANT: (Andrew Sims) 532 S. Broadway, Hugo, Oklahoma

MUSKOGEE - PORTER: Fay Norman, 543 North 7th St., Muskogee, Okla.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Eustace F. Wallace, 309 North Lindsay Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

SEMINOLE - DE PEW: E. L. Stewart, P.O. Box 1102, Seminole, Oklahoma

TULSA: Cleveland G. Tillmon, 611 E. Easton St., Tulsa, Oklahoma

VINITA CIRCUIT - GRAND RIVER: (June E. Pointer) 619 N. Elgin Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma

WEWOKA - BOLEY: (Connie Davis) Route 1, Box 111 A, Purcell, Okla.

WYNNEWOOD, PURCELL, DAVIS, and SULPHUR: Elliot M. Douglas, P.O. Box 1224, Ardmore, Oklahoma

District Secretary of Missions - Fay Norman

District Secretary of Evangelism - Franklin C. Souder

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Simmie P. Holland, Secretary of Youth Work, Y.M.C.A., Detroit, Michigan (Without Annuity Claim)

Harlan London, Chaplain, Eastern North Carolina Sanitarium, Wilson, North Carolina (Without Annuity Claim)

Negail R. Riley, Director, Children and Youth Center, Morgan Memorial Incorporation, Boston, Mass. (Without Annuity Claim)

Edwin C. Sanders, Executive Secretary, Conference Board of Education

Emanuel M. Johnson, Conference Secretary of Missions

Cleveland G. Tillmon, Conference Secretary of Evangelism

## SECTION VI - COMPOSITE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

And are we yet alive, And see each others face.  
Glory and praise to Jesus give, For His redeeming grace.  
What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed  
Fightings without, and fears within, Since we assembled last.  
But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by His love  
And still He doth His help afford, And hides our life above.

This was the familiar hymn of our forefathers as they met in the annual meeting. Great was their rejoicing, as they came up from all sections of the country to fellowship and give an account of their stewardship.



Today we are most grateful to them for such a rich heritage, and praise God for the blessings we enjoy.

As we begin this annual meeting, we are conscious that our ministerial rank has been broken. Those missing are: C. H. Brooks, G. F. Tipton, P. H. Kelley and Willis D. Johnson. We commit their families to God's care and keeping.

Bishop Clair and members of the Southwest Annual Conference, I feel honored to have the privilege of bringing to you the composite report of the district superintendents.

We are now midway in this quadrennium. A most significant spot to evaluate the past, set goals for the future and formulate plans for reaching these goals. The Emphases of this quadrennium is most appropriate for meeting the needs of this day and time. July 12, 1956 - the official body of the St. Louis Area met at headquarters to plan methods of projecting this idea for the four years ahead. There, workshops covering eight of the Area emphases were set up, and an intensive two day study was diligently pursued.

Our report is based on recommendations growing out of this workshop.

## NUMBER 1 -- THE LOCAL CHURCH --

An excerpt from the document of The Inter-board Commission on The Local Church: reads -- and I quote: "We seek a creative Christian Program which will cause each church member to experience such dedicated and trained relationship to Jesus Christ and His Church, that God can use him for a more perfect realization of His purpose in every area of personal and social living; and that others may be brought to join in this active fellowship, prepared to co-operate with all Christians toward achieving a Christian World Community." unquote. Guidance material for basic study, "The Self Study Guides Toward a more effective Church" and the Kit of five booklets on the Four Commissions and one committee, were systematically distributed and studied.

### first.....EVANGELISM

As we review the recommendations from the Area meeting, we feel that some progress has been made in affirming the Christian Faith, through the "Four Nights for God" series, Youth Christian Witness Missions, Prayer Vigils, Workshops and other services at all levels. Results are; \_\_\_\_\_ persons received through profession of faith; 112 preparatory members on roll, 515 Total. Full members - 4,949, but as we check potentials, we are not satisfied with the totals. There is much to do if we are to help bring this great Church's bud to glorious flower. Now the question is, "What Makes A Church Great?" The answer requires a two way observation. First, the Outward Look: Acts 5:29 "But Peter and the apostles answered we must obey God rather than men." The we, were laymen. The distinctive thing about these laymen was not their training or profession. It was a vision and Conviction. A vision of God's will for them in Jesus Christ, a conviction that they had been appointed by God to take the news of that vision to all men everywhere.

Second, the Inward Look: There is nothing spectacular about this. It is as common and as beautiful as sunshine. Its application is far wider than the activities of the church, too. Every expert political leader knows it to be true. That is why he builds up an organization that reaches personally into every home in his territory. We would not say that his motive is exactly that of imparting "some spiritual gift", but we will say, that he knows that an individual must feel like he belongs to the party. It is a sad day for any church when it ceases to be a community of concern, and is satisfied to become a great institution.

Actually there is a personal question to be faced in all this. Can the church count on me to accept my responsibility in the job of being a responsible member of a community of concern?



## EDUCATION

Paragraph 1396 of the discipline makes it mandatory that we maintain a functioning commission on education in each local church. Under the direction of the conference board of education, we have seen progress in some phases of Christian education and fallen short in some because of financial deficits and personnel. Rev. Edwin C. Sanders, the executive secretary of the conference board, with volunteer service of staff members, has been quite busy this year, supervising and holding Christian Workers' Schools, Workshops, Conferences and Institutes.

We have 23 Vacation Church Schools reported. Enrollment in Youth camps are slightly increasing. At this point we should like to emphasize the need for a special effort in recruiting Youth and Youth counselors for the Convocation being held at Jefferson City, Missouri, Lincoln University, August 4-8, 1958. The Wesley Foundation Work and Methodist Student Organizations need strengthening. It is anticipated that through the T.V. series and other methods, adult work will take on a more vigorous expression.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

One of the approved recommendations in the Area meeting was "The Annual Conference Committee," in cooperation with the president of the Area College and the Executive Secretary of Conference Board of Education, develop a plan of closer working relations whereby the college may work with local churches; thus giving the local churches opportunity to better understand the college, and the college to better understand some of the problems of the local church. When the General Conference adopted the emphases upon Higher Education it declared: "The Church Universal lives and labors under the compulsion of the great commission, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.'"

The Church is in the world to capture the hearts of men and to make them faithful disciples of the Nazarene and also to capture their minds and establish them in the truth that leads to abundant and unending life. By Missions and Evangelism we extend the frontiers of the kingdom. By Education, we build the City of God. Our institutions of learning are the church's indispensable bulwarks against the encroaching tide of secularism and unbelief. The church must continue to look principally to her own educational institutions for trained leadership. We fear the Southwest Conference is lagging behind in this new trend of developing support for our church college. (Philander Smith.) It is grievous that some non-Methodists are coming to have a higher appreciation of our Methodist School than some of our own members. We are no longer poor. There is less reason for us to be ignorant. What we really want in our hearts, we can have. There is money, ability and other resources to undergird our school strongly and permanently, if we are dedicated enough and imaginative enough to find the way. We therefore recommend, that we dedicate ourselves especially to the task of developing an organized church wide effort to support and strengthen the Education and Expansion program of Philander Smith College.

## MISSIONS

As the board of Missions program reaches the local congregation through the commission on missions and other avenues, we are awakened to the larger Out-reach of the church. It is sad that this area of concern as a local commission has not been developed as fully as could be. Few churches have a working commission on Missions and yet it is through this commission that world Christian Fellowship is promoted. We rely heavily

on the Woman's Society for information and inspiration through the study courses. Mrs. C.G. Washington, conference president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and her staff of loyal workers, (from conference officers to the individual member of the local society) have worked faithfully in supporting this program. We are grateful to the women of our church, and solicit their continued support as we seek to co-ordinate the total program within the local church. We wish to thank the Board of Mission and Church Extension, and the St. Louis area for aiding Locksburg and Anadarka in retaining their church property.

Other building and improvement to the total cost of \$33,896, can be accounted for in Murfreesboro, Danville, Maumell, Purcell, Okmulgee, Tulsa, Guthrie, Crescent, Langston, Wewoka, Oklahoma City.

Churches and parsonages in the process of building are, Brown's Chapel, Little Rock; Springfield, Marks Chapel, Pankeys addition, and Wesley Chapel, Little Rock.

The pastors will report in full the work accomplished at the above named places.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

Here lies vital issues close to the hearts of every Christian and a majority of non-Christians. We are living under constant pressure from within and without. Individually and collectively, Nationally and Internationally. It is our responsibility to help conform Christ like attitudes and approaches to the various problems we face.

We therefore recommend highly the organizing of Christian Social Relations Committees in each local church and these committees working closely with the conference organization on all issues.

### STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

Stewardship is the practical expression of one's experience of God. Therefore, all one's life, all personal abilities, and all material resources constitute a gift from God, which should be used for His glory and for the welfare of mankind. Statement from the General Board of Lay Activities material, Quote: "A new day is dawning for the church in the realm of financial support. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that, A New Day "COULD" dawn. Always in matters relating to the human side of Christian Endeavor, there is a big "IF". The conditional phase is usually due to our willingness to accept workable plans and to follow through on them. Unquote.

We have the organizations and the stated responsibility of the organization but, like the young man who addressed Jesus with the question "What lack I yet?", we are not willing to sell what we have and follow the Master. If we could first GIVE OURSELVES, the financial dilemma we face could be taken care of satisfactorily.

As we come to the close of this year, after evaluating the past we now look ahead. Beginning last March and continuing until March 1959, the particular stress in the local church emphasis in Methodism's quadrennial program is upon EXPANSION.

There is the continuing challenge of our Lord to make disciples and to be witnesses unto Him. As local churches face their responsibility in this emphasis, the general boards and agencies especially related to this phase of the quadrennial program are anxious to help. We therefore make the following recommendations:

1. That we do a systematic job of promotion and cultivation, with Pastors and Laymen in interpreting the program and interest of the Methodist Church.

2. That each District Superintendent rethink the grouping of churches on charges for doing the most effective job.

3. That the services of a conference rural worker be engaged to work where needed most.

4. That we take immediate steps to begin new work in the following places:

Little Rock District: Arkadelphia and Malvin.

North Little Rock District: West Memphis and Camden.

Oklahoma District: Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Respectfully submitted, E. M. Johnson, J.H. Oliver, C.G. Tillmon

#### ANNUAL REPORT\*

by Clinton Anderson

(Chairman of the Southwest Conference Board of Education)

To the Bishop, District Superintendents, Pastors, Laymen and friends of the Southwest Conference.

It is a privilege and personal pleasure as well to join with the other departments of our church in making my second annual report as chairman of the Southwest Conference Board of Education. Since serving for the past two years, I can appreciate to some degree the obligation to you of this office and I shall try to expand the work of this very important department to the best of my ability.

From the earliest days of our civilization people have had the happy habit of teaming up to help their fellowmen. This is no less true in the history of Christianity and the Methodist Church in particular. This is a habit that has manifested itself in an endless variety of ways in a wide area of organized action reaching all the way from the family council up to the highest councils of our great church. The many essential resources and the Christian leadership that has been developed within the framework of the Methodist Church for human good is one of our greatest strengths as a church.

Within this wide area are such organized activities as those represented here in the form of committees, the Commissions, the departments of youth work, Social Concern, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and others.

All of us can take pride in the long way we as a church have come in supplying Christian leadership and meeting human needs in the form of offering enlightenment. Many of the shackles of poverty and ignorance have been broken. More and more people are finding a more rewarding and abundant way of life.

But we should think of all this, it seems to me, as only a beginning and a greater challenge. We are facing a new age which filled with complicated social and economical problems - will and is making increasing demands for well trained Christian leadership.

One of the bulwarks on which the future of our society, (and I would say our civilization as well) must depend on an organized movement to provide Christian leadership.

The strength and effectiveness of an organized movement within our church can be no greater than that of its Key departments and commissions on the Conference, District and local Church levels.

In keeping with the "quadrennial Emphasis" this Board accepted the challenge for a stronger program of Christian Education in the Southwest Conference.

In viewing the progress made during the 1957-1958 Conference year; and in the light of the foregoing observations, the recommendations for the ensuing year will be substantially the same, but calling for greater emphasis on church school Rally Day, cultivation and promotion and closer

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\*To the Eighty-first Session of the Southwest Conference, held at Quayle Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 12-15, 1958.

coordination of the programs of the four commissions. At the Spring meeting of the Board the following recommendations were ordered sent to the cabinet:

- I. That a full time Executive Secretary be provided for, with minor extended duties.
- II. That further development of the Inter Board Commission (Item 2, page 11, the 1957 journal) be directed. Etc.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS CONFERENCE:

1. That each District Superintendent and Pastor be directed by the Bishop to place greater emphasis on the Cultivation and Promotion program of the following commissions on the District and local church levels:
  - a. Commission on Evangelism
  - b. Commission of Education
  - c. Commission on Missions
  - d. Commission on Stewardship and Finance
2. That the relationship between church School Rally Day and a strong program of cultivation, promotion and interpretation be studied and the same degree of emphasis be placed on the observance of this day in every local church.
3. That the conference treasurer be directed to disburse these funds only for direct cultivation and promotional purposes in the form of workshops, conferences, study courses for local church officers, committee and commission chairmen, travel for the necessary personnel and such clerical services that maybe required.
4. That the resources of Philander Smith College be used as far as possible in the program of cultivation and promotion on the District and local church levels.

In submitting these recommendations, we are thinking in the terms of the needs. We feel that an effective program of education for our particular conference must involve consideration of the total work of the church.

We team up well in dealing with conditions and problems of our immediate concern. But as a conference we must work together with the same firmness of purpose toward the ultimate goal of helping all the local churches through a program of cultivation, promotion and interpretation to reach their full potential.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

Bishop Clair, Fellow Ministers, and Laymen:

"On the whole, I think we shall survive...

The outlook is as bad as it has ever been,  
but thinking people realize that, and there-  
in lies hope of its getting better."

----Jawaharlal Nehru

Certainly, it is with immeasurable gratitude that I, now, give account of my stewardship for the year now ended. Life offers no one a richer joy than of serving his fellowmen. Again, it has been my pleasure to travel over what has seemingly been an endless trail, facing the blistering sun of Summer; the enchantment of Autumn; the bleak and frosty chill of Winter; and the alluring charm of Spring.

The 'second mile' of my travels was absorbed with much enthusiasm in realization of the acceptance of our responsibility and needs by the Cabinet, Ministers, and Laymen during the trials and shipwreck of our 'maiden voyage'.

I am debtor to each of you, and, herewith, express my sincerest gratitude for your vision of meeting our needs in Christian Education as it relates to the Quadrennial Emphasis on The Local Church.



The Conference Staff of Division Workers, which is on a volunteer basis, though faced with many limitations, each of them has wrought well, and are deserving of much praise in such manner as they have been able to serve.

#### Promotion and Cultivation:

Camping: Again, we have majored in these enterprises as an area of widening relationships and making Christian Witness the answer to 'The Burning Thirst' of our Youth. Each of these enterprises: The Oklahoma District Camp at Camp Turner Falls; The Christian Adventure Camp, and The Senior-Older Youth Assembly at Camp Aldersgate, made reports which were indicative of much growth and a desire to stand up and be counted in the approaching ecumenical trends.

#### Workshops, Coaching Conferences, and Christian Workers' Schools:

Each District of the Conference has had one or more Workshops on the various age levels. Resource personnel has been secured from General Board Staffs and Conference Workers to adequately interpret the total program of Christian Education. There were 712 persons who registered for and attended such training enterprises within the Conference year.

We are appreciative of the fellowship of The South Central Jurisdiction Methodist Youth Fellowship Workshop, Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. There were four Youths and one Adult Worker with Youth who attended.

There were four Christian Workers' Schools, on the one-teacher level, conducted during the months of September and October, and three during the month of February. Mrs. Lula M. Tillmon was the Instructor for the September-October schools. The choice of her by the Department of Leadership Education, is truly the answer to our many prayers for certified leadership at home.

#### Leadership Education:

As a means of meeting the great need of leadership personnel within the Conference, we have striven to expand our program of recruitment. To this end, we have noted a gradual increase in the persons who have become certified.

Laboratory certification is now in progress for the following:

Mrs. Bessie Rumph, Little Rock, Arkansas  
Mrs. Ruth Lawson, Philander Smith College  
Mrs. J. La Rosa Sanders, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Our Certified Leadership Personnel, as of June 1st, is as follows:

Deans ----- 18  
Instructors----- 20  
Home Study Courses----- 2

Wherein the above totals do not give us an adequate quota to meet the needs of the Local Churches, we rejoice as we note progress in this area.

#### Recommendations:

In the light of a continually mounting awareness on the part of 'key persons' of the Conference in regard to the effectiveness of an active program of Christian Education, I herewith submit the following:

- (a) That we conduct an extensive program of 'leadership' recruitment.
- (b) That each Local Church will plan to have at least one (1) certified Instructor.
- (c) That each Local Church will set as a goal the organization or reactivation of a Methodist Youth Fellowship.
- (d) That there will be strict observance of and emphasis placed upon all Special Days of the Christian calendar.
- (e) That the Southwest Conference will encourage and provide



- their Youth quota for The Saint Louis Area Youth Convocation, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, August 4-8, 1958.
- (f) That Church School Rally Day (September 28, 1958) shall be observed by all Churches of the Conference. Further, that each District Superintendent and Pastor shall do everything to dramatically present the same.
- (g) That the Conference provide funds and select, at least, one family to represent the Conference at the Third Methodist National Conference on Family Life, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October 17-19, 1958.
- (h) That there shall be a co-ordination or responsibility of all agencies related to the Inter-Board Commission and the Board of Education.

Again, in a sense of deep humility, I say THANKS to each of you for your contribution of talent and leadership ability to the program of Christian Education.

Yours in Christian Fellowship, Edwin C. Sanders, June 1, 1958

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 15, 1957 - June 1, 1958

#### Receipts:

Conference Treasurer for general work of Board -----	\$1,445.00
Church School Rally Day Offering -----	159.00
General Board of Education -----	500.00
Christian Adventure Camp -----	795.00
Senior-Older Youth Assembly -----	540.00
M Y Fund -----	8.30
Camp Fund (Senior-Older Youth Assembly) -----	4.20
Total -----	3,451.50

#### Disbursements:

Executive Secretary (Salary) -----	\$1,125.00
Travel -----	146.06
Office Equipment and Supplies -----	175.15
Telephone - Telegrams -----	38.96
Expense of Board Chairman -----	43.11
Board, Committee, and Staff Meetings -----	75.10
Promotional Materials, and Leadership Enterprises -----	99.54
Conference and General Meetings: Staff Workers -----	442.50
Aldersgate Camp -----	1,175.50
Camp Insurance -----	33.95
M Y Fund -----	8.30
Camp Fund (Senior-Older Youth Assembly) -----	4.20
MYF Workshop - Regional (Mt. Sequoyah) -----	53.00
Refund to George Burton (Christian Adv. Camp) -----	5.00
Total -----	\$3,425.37

Receipts (All sources) -----	3,451.50
Disbursements -----	3,425.37

Balance on hand -----	\$ 26.13
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Budget for Conference year 1957-1958 -----	\$3,600.00
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Actual cash reported by Conference Treasurer as received for all causes -----	2,104.00
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Total deficit in Budget -----	\$1,496.00
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Proposed salary of Executive Secretary -----	\$ 1,500.00
Amount received as salary -----	1,125.00
Total deficit in Executive Secretary's salary -----	\$ 375.00

Note: Items listed as Camp receipts and M Y Fund are not to be counted in the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted, Edwin C. Sanders, June 1, 1958

### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF ADULT WORK

By the authority of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, the Department of Christian Education of Adults issues plans and policies for the church's program. (para. 231-244)

There is no pre-determined program of activities handed down to groups that comprise the adult divisions of local church schools. Each group should develop its program of activities in keeping with the principles and procedures underlying program development presented in the manual "Adult Work in the Church School" #4500-BC.

This manual gives guidance to the ongoing program of adult work in and beyond the local church.

We have tried to interpret this work at every available opportunity. How well we've succeeded remains yet to be seen. Like apostles of old, we can plant and water but the increase comes from God.

Personnel or Co-Workers: 3 - District Directors; 14 - Sub District Directors. Yet to be compiled - the number of superintendents of adult div. local, adult classes, total enrollment of adults.

A great need at this point is to involve more persons. This can be done by organizing The Conference and/or District Council of Adult Workers.

Our goal is to help local churches become Redemptive Fellowships, rather than institutions. Means and methods used for achieving this goal will be cultivation and training opportunities for adult leaders.

Training opportunities already scheduled:

June 20 - July 5	Area Leadership School - Philander Smith College.
June 22 - July 1	Y A Tour of Puerto Rico for resource persons Miss Edu.
July 14 - 25	Leadership & Lab School - Fayetteville, techniques of teaching.
Oct. 17 - 19	3rd National Conference on Family Life - Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 30 - Nov. 2	Industrial Relations Conference.

Other opportunities on Conference to local levels to be determined.

Other opportunities and tools to be used in developing adult classes and interest groups: The T.V. series.

September --Frontiers of Faith for older adults.

October-----Talk Back Series (13 weeks)

During the year a number of significant opportunities for service permitted me to give help in and to the churches.

--August, I served as an instructor in the conference school of Mission, WSCS Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock.

--September and October, was present at each of the three district conferences.

--November, conducted four Christian Workers Schools and made three visits along with Miss Hoover during her itinerary in the Oklahoma district.

--February and March, served as resource person in three district workshops.

--12 visits into local churches, observing and sharing.

Meetings attended for Leadership enrichment:

--July, the South Central Juris. School of Mission, Fayetteville, Ark.

--July, the St. Louis Area Leadership School, Philander Smith College.

- Nov. 5 - 10, the Methodist Conference on Church Education, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Nov., Conference Prom. Meeting WSCS, Wesley Chapel, Little Rock
- Dec., Conference Board Meeting, St. James, Pine Bluff, Ark.
- Conference Annual Meeting WSCS, Wesley Chapel, Little Rock, Ark.
- April, the Coaching Conference VCS work Jur., Nashville, Tenn.
- May 6 - 8, Talk Back TV Regional Training Conference, Dallas, Tex.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a conference council of Adult Workers be organized and that said council meet as early as possible after the annual conference to form plans to be presented at the first meeting of the conference board of education.
2. Select a pilot project for concentrated effort in developing a total program of Christian Education.
3. A follow up of the Area Leadership School.

#### READING:

The Adult Workers Living Library  
The Church Educates Adults  
Adult Work in the Church School

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. C. G. Tillman,  
Conference Director of Adult Work

Fort Smith, Arkansas  
May 22, 1958

Bishop Clair and Cabinet:

We, a Committee of the Southwest Conference Board of Education appointed to study the needs of and correlation of the responsibility of the Inter Board Committee (item 2, page 11, the 1957 Journal) and the Board of Education.

We recommend the appointment of an Executive Secretary who shall coordinate and administer the program of promotion and cultivation of each of the Boards therein.

Respectfully submitted, C. D. Gillespi, Chairman,  
Lula W. Tillman, Clinton Anderson

Fort Smith, Arkansas  
May 22, 1958

Bishop Clair and Cabinet:

In viewing the responsibility of The Southwest Conference Board of Education to The Quadrennial Emphasis, and the urgent need of a more effective and expanded program of education in the Southwest Conference; we, the officers and members of the Board recommend that a full time Executive Secretary with minor extended duties be provided for.

Respectfully submitted, Clinton Anderson, Chairman  
Lula M. Tillman, Acting Secretary

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOR REPRESENTATION AT THE THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
FAMILY LIFE

We recommend that Reverend and Mrs. Elliot M. Douglas, Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Reverend and Mrs. Edwin C. Sanders, Pine Bluff, Arkansas represent the Southwest Conference at The Third Family Life Conference, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, October 17-19, 1958.

Clinton Anderson, Chairman, Mrs. Lula M. Tillmon, Secretary

SPECIAL REPORT ON PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE FROM THE QUAD-  
RENNIAL COMMISSION OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE  
CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Philander Smith College faces a glorious future. It has witnessed a magnificent achievement during the past 20 years in the improvement of its Physical Plant, its Faculty, the high quality of its Educational Programs, the number of students served, and the role it has played in serving the Church through its graduates, faculty, and students. Philander Smith College faces a magnificent challenge for rendering a greater service to the Church, to our young people, and to our Nation as it embarks upon the first stage of a most significant Development Program. This Program will not only sustain the High Quality of Education and Academic Accreditation which the College now enjoys in orders that its future services may be increasingly effective, but it will also increase the service which the College can render the Conferences and the Local Churches, and enable the College to serve 500 additional students.

But Philander Smith definitely stands at the crossroads. The first stage of the Development Program which should be completed in time for use in September, 1959, calls for an expenditure of \$1,500,000. The last \$300,000 of this amount must be raised within the next 12 months. Sensing this Opportunity and Challenge, the following recommendations are submitted for Annual Conference action:

1. We recommend that each Local Church will lead its membership in to full compliance with par. 2018 of the 1956 Discipline by reporting the asking of the General Church of at least \$1 per member, annually, for the support of Christian Higher Education at Philander Smith College, and that these funds be reported to the Conference Treasurer earmarked "For Christian Higher Education at Philander Smith." We further recommend that each Local Church comply with the 1956 Disciplinary request on Race Relations Sunday (Par. 250, Section 3).

2. We recommend that a series of Fund Raising Institutes be conducted throughout the Conference to be scheduled at the discretion of the Bishop and his Cabinet, preference being given to the period September 1 - November 15, 1958; and that the services of the American Campaign Services, Inc., currently retained by action of the Board of Trustees of the College be used in these Institutes.

3. In view of the widespread success of the Religious Extension Summer Services Program provided by the College (some twenty-two young people have already been signed up to work for 8 weeks each, on Districts and in Local Churches of the Area for 1958), and in view of action by this Conference authorizing such Program at the 1957 session, we strongly recommend that District Superintendents, Conference Executive Secretaries, and Local Churches make wider use of these resources by filing requests for the use of such students not later than February 1, preceding.



4. We strongly recommend a persistent and systematic implementation of a program of Student Recruiting on an Annual Conference, District, and Local Church basis.

5. We recommend Conference-wide Observance of National Christian College Day as promoted by The National Council of Churches - 3rd Sunday in April.

6. In view of the present status of the Philander Smith College Development Program, we recommend that the Campaign effort for Philander Smith College be declared a "State of Emergency."

7. We strongly urge that each District Superintendent will have a Workshop on Christian Higher Education at the District Conferences, and that use be made of 'key' persons on the District and persons from the College. We further recommend that this be done in the Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions, Laymen's Retreats, and other Conference-wide meetings.

8. We recommend that the Commission on Education in each Local Church make wider use of films, slides and other Audio-Visual Aids produced by the College in presenting the needs and services of the College.

9. We further re-affirm the recommendations as were made in Part III of the Report of 1957. (A reprint of the same follows herewith.)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS -

1. We recommend a strong Program of Cultivation and Interpretation of the facts regarding the total Program of Christian Higher Education and Philander Smith College to the people of our Conference. We suggest a series of Seminars and Institutes in larger centers, at which time films of the Work be shown and "Workshop" groups organized. We recommend that Inspirational Meetings be held at night following "Workshops" in order that Christian Education may be held up in such way as to make its contribution to the Evangelization of the world through a trained Christian leadership.

2. We recommend wider use of students from Philander Smith College in a Program of Religious Education on the District level and in Local Churches during the summer months. The College has consented to provide special training for such persons, and a Scholarship of \$200 per person for each 8-week period of service. We ask that all requests for these summer workers be filed with the President of the College not later than February 1 for the Summer succeeding. The College also provides such help to Churches within commuting distance of the Campus during the regular school session. We further recommend that plans for using students during regular session be worked out by the College and the Conference Board of Education.

3. We recommend use of the members of the Faculty and Staff of Philander Smith by District Superintendents and Local Churches wherever their services may be needed. We strongly recommend the plan for utilization of students where requested to do so recommended in 2, above and call upon our District Superintendents, our Conference Executive Secretary, and our Pastors to provide opportunities for making wider use of these students who must become the leaders of the Church in the days ahead.

4. We recommend that a Committee on Wills, Legacies, and Insurance on behalf of Educational Institutions be established in each Local Church for the purpose of implementing Endowment and Expansion necessary to give permanence to our Program of Higher Education.

5. We recommend that recruitment efforts for Christian Vocations be redoubled in each Local Church and in each District of the Conference, in order to meet the growing needs for trained persons dedicated to full-time Christian Service. We strongly urge that these young persons be encouraged to enroll at Institutions of the Methodist Church in order to enhance the probability for commitment and training for full-time Christian service.

6. We recommend the minimum giving of \$1.30 for Christian Higher Education by each Church member (\$1.00 for the College, and 30 cents for Wesley Foundation) of the Southwest Annual Conference.

7. We recommend that all above \$3,320.00 for Annual Current Budget of Philander Smith College from the Annual Conference income be placed in the Development Program.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS

The Committee on Conference Relations recommends the following:  
Negail Rudolph Riley, Elders' Orders and be received into Full Membership.

Harlon London, Elders' Orders. (To be ordained elsewhere.)

Daniel D. Hawkins, Retired Relations.

Ralph G. Nathan, Supernumerary Relations.

Respectfully submitted, Carter L. Watson, Chairman, Frank Sanders, Secretary, Eustace F. Wallace, C. G. Tillmon, John H. Oliver

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Of The Southwest Conference

The Board of Trustees of The Southwest Conference recommends that W. Harold Flowers, an Attorney-at-law, and a member of the Board, be authorized to act in conjunction with the District Superintendent and officers of the local Church, envolved, in investigating title to abandoned properties owned in Arkansas and Oklahoma, and to conduct negotiations for the sale or transfer of all interests.

It is further recommended that the Conference allow an expense account, not to exceed \$100.00, to be used by said attorney for travel on connection with the performance of duties assigned. That the, aforementioned, expense account be deducted from the sale or transfer of such properties.

Benjamin F. Littlejohn, Chairman, Clifton Mitchell, Secretary

#### THE CONVOCAION ON URBAN LIFE IN AMERICA

Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

February 18-20, 1958

THEME: Winning The Changing City For The Changeless Christ

Bishop Clair, Ministers, and Laymen:

We proudly report the inspiration in fellowship and study which was shared with upward of one thousand Methodists who represented the total scope of Methodism throughout America.

Our delegation was composed of two members of The Urban Life Committee of the Conference, one District Superintendent, and one Minister-at-large.

The Convocation delegates were welcomed to Washington in the interest of the Baltimore, Richmond, and Washington Areas by Bishop Paul N. Garber, Richmond Area.

The structural composition of the Convocation was a series of eight Discussion Groups with the following themes:

"What the City Does to People"

"What the Effective City Church can do For People"

"Planning and Strategy"

"The Clergy and Laity in Community Life"

"Witnessing to Our Faith in Community Life"

Each of these groups had a Bishop of The Methodist Church as presiding officer. The Discussion leaders were chosen from a most able staff of Ministers, Laymen, and members of the faculties of Schools of Theology.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. presided with maximum efficiency over Group A 2 as it related itself to each of the themes for Discussion Groups. He, along with others who presided, will long be remembered for their non-partisan decisions in regard to meeting the needs and challenge of the 'City Church - Today' and 'What of Tomorrow' in such times of community mobilization and population shifting.

Christian Witness was paramount in the Celebration of Ash Wednesday Communion Service which was celebrated in The Nave, Washington Cathedral, a Sanctuary of rich Spiritual atmosphere, which has seen fifty years of continuous construction, yet it has not reached completion.

The Celebrants of The Holy Communion were: Bishops G. Bromley Oxnam, Glenn R. Phillips, Marshall R. Reed, Eugene M. Frank, W. Earl Ledden, Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Edgar A. Love, and Paul N. Garber. The processional was filled with the richness and dignity of the Episcopacy as each of them entered the Chancel.

An estimated twelve hundred Communicants joined in the Celebration in acceptance of the Invitation to Repentance and Confession.

As a Conference Committee, it is our prayer that we may adequately interpret the goals set forth in this Convocation, that we shall have seen them, in a major sense, a reality at the next Quadrennial Call to the Third Convocation on Urban Life in America.

#### Resolution:

That the Convocation Committee of 1958, of the Southwest Conference, will give guidance to the Five Studies in the area of Urban Life, as is found in the following books sponsored and published by the Department of City Work, Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church:

- I. Methodism in The Inner City -- Robert L. Wilson
- II. The Downtown Church -- Douglas Jackson
- III. Five Residential Churches -- Murray H. Leiffer  
(A study of favorably situated Methodist Churches in American Metropolitan Cities)
- IV. The City Church and Social Class -- Frederick H. Shippey
- V. A Sense of Urgency -- Herbert E. Stotts  
(An evaluation of the Urban Workshops)

The Conference has a Convocation on a district level.

Select the books that deal primarily with problems in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

In a sense of deep humility and an awareness of the task that lies ahead, we are,

Faternally yours, Eustace F. Wallace, Chairman, Edwin C. Sanders, John H. Oliver, Oliver W. Gibson

#### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Board be given authorization to release periodically an informative organ dealing with:
  - a. Education
  - b. Recreation
  - c. Housing

d. Health

e. Political Action

2. That every church be encouraged, by the President and his cabinet, to relate our Christian responsibilities to our civic improvement.

3. That every minister be encouraged to join and participate in civic and community activities and organizations.

4. That a seminar be held in Oklahoma and Arkansas, designed to study and put into effect the Social Creed of the Methodist Church, para. 2020 of the Methodist Discipline, with special emphasis on section E which deals with Freedom from Discrimination.

5. That ministers be urged to observe Commitment Day on the first Sunday in December and World Order Sunday, on the Sunday of or immediately preceding November 11.

Respectfully submitted, Board of Christian Social Relations,  
Oliver W. Gibson, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN  
OF TELEVISION, RADIO AND FILM

Southwest Conference  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 11-13, 1958

We conducted a workshop on visual aid, television and radio at our conference school of mission of the Woman's Society of Christian Service held at Camp Aldersgate, July, 1957. The workshop was held each evening, Monday through Thursday. Much help was given by Philander Smith College in equipment, human resources and activities. To mention a few, Mrs. Herchel Torrence, Mr. Dabbs, Dean Gillispie and many others. Forty people took part in the activities and study of the work during the week, learning to operate projectors, tape recorders and other machines and doing free-hand painting. The introductory film - "Immortal Love" was shown four times in Arkansas and three times in Oklahoma to a total number of viewers about 300. Many leaflets and tracts have been distributed through mail and otherwise. We have asked each pastor to appoint a key person to work with him to promote the T. V. ministry. Some did, but others did not. We are sorry that all did not comply.

Mrs. C. G. Tillman and I attended the television, radio and film workshop at Dallas, Texas, May 6 through 8. We received much information and encouragement. You will be hearing much about the work done in this workshop. During this session of the Conference the recommendations were: That there will be at least one person in each local church appointed by the pastor to give special attention to the T. V. ministry fund in his or here church, and that each member be asked to pay 10 cents per year to this fund; such money to be sent to the Conference Treasurer as World Service money; but designated for the T. V. ministry.

This person or persons will also work with the Conference Commission on television, radio and film to promote good television programs and to solicit viewers to religious program.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. M. F. Strong

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
June 13, 1958

We, the Conference Board of Missions, recommend that we, working with The General Board of Missions, have workshops with Pastors, Lay Leaders, Presidents of The Woman's Societies, and Commission Chairman



of each local church on District levels to study the structure of The Methodist Church.

Time and places to be determined later.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. J. C. Tyus, Chairman  
James Washington, Secretary

### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER

to

The Eighty First Session of The Southwest Annual Conference

Bishop Clair, District Superintendents, Ministers, Laymen of the Southwest Annual Conference, Visitors and Friends -

I come before you at this time with deep humility and an awareness of the great responsibility of this position placed upon me, to make my first annual report of my stewardship as your Conference Lay Leader. This has been a good year although we have had many obstacles to overcome. In rejoicing over the many things we have been able to accomplish, let us not lose sight of the many things we have not done. I wish to thank first of all, Bishop Clair for his guidance and inspiration, the General Board of Lay Activities for instruction and information, the District Superintendents, pastors and laymen who contributed in a large measure to the joy and encouragement that has been mine in trying to direct the Lay Activities of this wonderful Conference. Words are inadequate to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you. This first year has been one of many trials. I have been, so to speak, feeling my way around trying to find the right approach to the situation. I feel that if it is my pleasure to be elected to serve another year as your Conference Lay Leader that I can render much better service.

#### Personal Labor -

On July 19th, 20th, 21st, 1957 it was my privilege to attend "The Second National Conference Of Methodist Men," held at beautiful Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. The theme of this great Conference was, "Workers Together With God." Its goal was to help men of Methodism through faith, vision and action to grow into better informed, more effective wholly dedicated Christian stewards. If the laymen of our Conference, especially the men could be so aroused to attend these wonderful meetings, I feel certain that we would see gratifying changes in our local churches. How can we as members of The Southwest Annual Conference be so lax towards our Lay Activities when our beloved Bishop is a guiding member of The General Board? I hope that when the next National Conference of Methodist Men is held that Bishop Clair will be proud of the delegation from our Conference. I was not able to attend The District Conference on the Oklahoma District, but from all reports they had a wonderful Conference. Thanks to Rev. Tillmon and Brother Magill. My visit to the Little Rock District Conference was one of disappointment due to the absence of the District Lay Leader and the scarcity of the Laymen. We hope that we were able to do some good with those who came. The North Little Rock District did not see fit to send me a program of their Conference. I sincerely hope that more courtesy will be shown whoever is Conference Lay Leader another year. On November the tenth 1957 I attempted to attend a meeting of Conference Lay Leaders of the Central Jurisdiction at New Orleans, Louisiana. Due to things beyond my control, I was not able to reach the appointed place in time for the meeting. The train was tied up in Baton Rouge for several hours so I had to return home disappointed. I was determined to make one of these meetings, so I contacted the Executive Secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, Mr. R. C. Mayfield, and made arrangements to go to Atlanta, Georgia on the fifteenth of March. There were not enough of

the Conference Lay Leaders that would attend to warrant this meeting, so it had to be called off. I have seen to it that every church has been contacted through visits and correspondence. If we are to have an effective Lay Movement in our Conference, we must have the cooperation of our ministers and our laymen.

#### Recommendations

- I. That Laymen's Day be observed in each local church with a Layman as speaker. We ask our pastors to urge his church to comply.
- II. That we make an effort to secure as many as five certified Lay speakers on each district and that our district superintendents use as many Lay speakers as he possibly can on his district especially where the minister comes one or two times a month.
- III. That each local church extend its ministry in the community where it is, especially in this year of expansion for example, organize an outpost church school, community prayer meetings or group study courses.
- IV. That throughout the Conference "The Every Member Canvass" be made in order that we can increase our giving so that we will be able to make the ministry as attractive to young men as other vocations.
- V. That we organize more Methodist Men's Clubs on all districts.

#### Objectives of The Conference Board of Lay Activities

1. To cultivate in a more effective way our conference, by working with our Districts' Board of Lay Activities.
2. To hold up the magnificent work of our World Service Agencies, especially on fourth Sundays.
3. To promote an increase in per capita giving in our conference so that we can have funds to carry on our work as a conference.
4. To recruit young men for the ministry in order that we will not become a mission conference. This is a serious situation in our conference, our young men are going into other vocations. The number of effective Elders in our Conference is decreasing each year. Laymen, this is a serious situation. Let's do something about it.
5. To work closely with local churches to organize more Methodist Men's Clubs.
6. To see that more Certified Lay Speakers are registered with our District Superintendents.
7. To bring up to date current lists of our church Lay Leaders on each district.
8. To elect a Conference Director of Stewardship and District Directors of Stewardship in order that more can be accomplished in this field.

In closing I wish to thank everyone that has helped in any way to promote our lay activities in our conference and to solicit the prayers, cooperation and assistance of every minister and layman in the Southwest Conference to bring to fruition the lay work of The Methodist Church.

The lives of all great men remind us that we can make our lives sublime, and departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints--then perhaps another sailing  
O'er life's solemn main,  
A furlong shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing shall take heart again.  
Let us then be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate  
Still pursuing, still achieving,  
Learn to labor and to wait.

Respectfully submitted, James Washington,  
Conference Lay Leader

# REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

## The Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church

The Commission on World Service and Finance gives you this information primarily as a resource for study, information and challenge to action. This study covers the period from 1952-1957. It is a financial study based upon information from the General Minutes and a recent study by the Southwest Conference Cabinet.

Your Commission wants you to analyze our conference giving--think of your local church's response that made this picture an unhealthy one.

### DISTRICT TRENDS--

#### LITTLE ROCK

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
FINANCES:							
Pd. Pastor	15,055.00	10,499.00	6,597.00	24,237.00	23,477.00	20,021.00	
Per Capita Pastor's							
Salary Giving	12.43	8.00	3.10	10.55	10.00	9.00	
W.S. & Conf. Benevolence	1,362.00	1,140.00	283.00	2,162.00	1,668.00	1,749.00	
Per Capita Benevolence	1.12	0.80	0.13	0.94	0.70	0.70	
G. Total	16,417.00	11,639.00	6,880.00	26,399.00	25,115.00	21,870.00	
Per Capita Giving	13.54	9.27	3.33	11.48	10.73	8.28	

#### NORTH LITTLE ROCK

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
FINANCES:							
Pd. Pastor				10,413.00	14,149.00	12,835.00	
Per Capita Pastor's							
Salary Giving				8.70	12.21	10.54	
W.S. & Conf. Benevolence				370.00	2,434.00	299.00	
Per Capita				.31	2.09	.24	
Benevolent Giving				10,483.00	16,583.00	13,234.00	
G. Total				9.00	14.32	10.79	
Per Capita Giving							

#### OKLAHOMA

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
FINANCES:							
Pd. Pastor	11,470.00	12,320.00	14,631.00	14,672.00	14,644.00	15,103.00	
Per Capita Pastor's							
Salary Giving	10.96	10.66	12.37	12.04	12.38	12.54	
W.S. & Conf. Benevolence	1,082.00	900.00	996.00	816.00	620.00	2,950.00	
Per Capita Benev. Giving	1.03	.77	.83	.66	.52	2.45	
G. Total	12,552.00	13,220.00	15,627.00	15,578.00	15,264.00	18,053.00	
Per Capita Giving	11.99	11.43	13.20	12.70	12.90	14.99	

We detect from this statistical report that we are not making the best of Christ and our resources. In no local church has the potential been reached. Each year we have fallen short even where there were marginal increases. This means that no church in the conference has done its part. We vote at the conference, go home and fail to do what we voted. We made provisions to pay MONTHLY. How many churches did this?

The Conference budget provides ONLY THE MINIMUM needs for a sound program of stewardship responsibilities to evangelism, education, missions and world service, social concern and many other needs. Each local church should not strive to meet the minimum, but do PLUS GIVING.

The Commission firmly believes that Pastors and Church Lay Leaders must set the EXAMPLE in giving. Then too, our giving must be SPIRITUALIZED. This will take an intensive program of promotion and cultivation as prescribed in the 1956 Discipline. Therefore, we make the following recommendations:

1. That the budget submitted by your Conference Commission on World Service and Finance (with necessary changes) be accepted as the budget for the Southwest Annual Conference for the year 1958-159 and that the total budget be apportioned to the Districts as follows:

1. Little Rock ----- 33%
2. North Little Rock ----- 36%
3. Oklahoma District ----- 31%

2. That the following percentage items be continued for this Conference year:

Episcopal Fund ----- 2% of Pastor's cash salary  
Conference Claimants Fund-15% of Pastor's cash salary  
Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund -----2% of Pastor's cash salary

3. That in every case the amount apportioned to a charge for the Episcopal and Conference Claimants Fund, as well as District Superintendent's Fund and Expense shall be paid in the same proportion as the charge pays its pastor and to be remitted monthly.

4. That the end of each quarter of the Conference year be the "clearing date" on which each charge shall clear up at least one fourth of the District Superintendent's apportionment and expense fund.

5. That the fiscal year of the Southwest Conference close May 31, and that Annual Conference reports be sent to the Treasurer and the Statistician at least ten (10) days prior to the opening date of the Conference Session.

6. That the Conference Treasurer send a summary monthly report to the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance and to the Episcopal Office.

7. That all monies from charges be paid directly to the Conference Treasurer who will, in turn, issue receipted vouchers to the pastor and District Superintendent.

8. That each charge will send in at least 1/10 of its Annual apportionment within forty-five days after the beginning of the new Conference year.

a. That the District Superintendents plan for three roll calls in the year:

1. At District Conference
2. In the middle of January
3. Immediately following Easter

b. That they try and have charges pay claims out in full at the last roll-call.

9. That each District Superintendent and pastor see to it that our churches carry through on Paragraph 267.1. In cooperation with the District Superintendent, Conference Commission on World Service and Finance, Area Office and General Board of Lay Activities, a SIMULTANEOUS EVERY MEMBER CANVASS PROGRAM be planned and promoted in each District, if



not at the same time, set a definite time according to conditions in the district. That the District Superintendent see to it as far in his power lies, that all persons who should be trained be present at the workshops. A great spiritual blessing is reported where the program has been tried.

10. That District Superintendent's salary and expenses be contingent upon the proportion of such funds collected on his district.

11. That four Quarterly Conferences for the purpose of reviewing the total work of the charge be held in each charge annually. And that special attention be given to the status of claims due at that time. That the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation be requested to work with the pastor and the Committees on Promotion and Cultivation to interpret the financial program of the church. That the Commission cooperate with the Board of Lay Activities and the charge Lay Leader in promoting the Stewardship Program of the Church.

12. That bids for the printing of the conference minutes be solicited and that the contract to print be let on the joint written approval of the chairman committee on Publication and the chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance.

13. That each Conference Board or Commission represented in the Conference budget shall fill out vouchers in detail, (prior to meetings, etc.), concerning the nature of meeting and need for necessary funds. Such vouchers shall be sent to the Chairman of the Commission on World Service and Finance at least 15 days in advance, prior to the request for funds.

14. That each Conference Board or Commission shall make its budgetary request at least 30 days prior to Annual Conference - the same being sent to the Chairman of the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance and in clear detail of its projected program and work for the ensuing year.

15. That the Commission on World Service and Finance be furnished with names and addresses of the church lay leaders from each charge.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COURTESY

Bishop Clair, Officers and Members of the Southwest Conference and Friends:

We, the members of the 81st Session of the Southwest Conference, wish to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for the hospitality offered, and for the services rendered by the members and friends of Quayly Methodist Church. To the host pastor and his wife also goes our THANKS for a genuine spirit of love and patience.

Our expression of gratitude is for those who, yet live; and for those who made their contribution and long since joined the Immortal Saints.

We accept the many words of welcome which were extended to us by each of you in the true spirit of members of the Redemptive Fellowship, and pray that Almighty God will bless all that has been done to add to the joy of our being here.

To Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., who has continued his coveted record of outstanding leadership to the Southwest Conference, we voice our felicitations.

To our District Superintendents we would like to express our appreciation for their untiring efforts to give guidance to the program of the Church; and especially to the Reverend C. G. Tillmon, who returns to the pastorate at the close of this session.

We are truly debtors to the General Boards of The Methodist Church for having shared with us the wide experiences of the following persons: Dr. Benhamin F. Allgood, The Board of Missions and Church Extension. The Reverend Randle B. Dew, The Department of General Church School Work, The Board of Education.

Dr. Timothy B. Echols, The Board of Pensions.

Dr. J. Herbert Touchstone, Board of Lay Activities.

The Reverend Berlyn B. Farris, The Board of Evangelism.

Likewise we are grateful to our Area agencies and interests which were very appropriately represented by The Reverend Hermes Zimmerman, The Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund; The Reverend Maceo D. Pembroke, Administrative Assistant to our beloved Bishop; and Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, President of Philander Smith College, Member of The General Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education.

The further emphasis of The Ecumenical Church was visible in the sharing of this fellowship in the visits of Dr. E. W. Parker, District Superintendent of The Oklahoma District of The Methodist Church (SCJ); Mrs. E. R. Reno, Secretary of The Oklahoma Council of Churches; The Reverend J. B. Walker, Minister, The Christian Methodist Church; and Dr. Alexander, Minister, Avery Chapel A. M. E. Church.

Finally, and not at all the least, we salute our pastors of the Southwest Conference. May God bless each of you and may every opportunity become a responsibility workable in the sight of God.

Most humbly submitted, Mrs. Lula M. Tillmon,  
Robert J. Tolbert, Jr., Donald E. Grant

### REPORT OF THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

#### MINISTERS WIVES ASSOCIATION

June 1957 - June 14, 1958

<u>North Little Rock District</u>		<u>Little Rock District</u>	
Mrs. B. A. Fields -----	\$ 78.00	Mrs. J. H. Oliver -----	\$25.00
Mrs. Lorene Smith -----	5.00	Mrs. R. J. Tolbert -----	10.00
Mrs. Roxie Hill -----	2.00	Mrs. E. L. Douglas -----	3.00
Mrs. J. H. Henry -----	20.00	Mrs. W. H. Hanna -----	5.00
Mrs. E. M. Johnson -----	10.00	Mrs. Sarah Buchanna -----	50.00
Mrs. Vida Thompson -----	20.00	Mrs. O. W. Gibson -----	40.00
Mrs. Willie M. Love -----	2.00	Mrs. Hattie Clinkscale -----	1.50
Mrs. C. B. Banks -----	2.00	Mrs. C. C. Hall -----	5.00
Mrs. G. G. Troupe -----	5.00	Mrs. Mildred Watson -----	50.00
Mrs. C. H. Roe -----	3.00	Mrs. C. Mitchell -----	15.00
Mrs. J. I. Davis -----	10.00	Mrs. B. F. Littlejohn -----	25.00
Mrs. W. H. D. Bright -----	10.00	Mrs. M. F. Strong -----	5.00
Mrs. Frank Sanders -----	5.00	Mrs. E. T. Hickman -----	7.00
Mrs. E. C. Sanders -----	5.00	Mrs. H. A. Davie -----	10.00
Mrs. H. Bass -----	2.00	Mrs. C. J. Tyus -----	15.00
Mrs. Mobly -----	1.00	Mrs. W. H. Pigea -----	5.00
Mrs. Daisy Cabean -----	20.00	Total -----	\$271.50
Total -----	\$ 200.00		

#### Oklahoma District

Mrs. C. G. Tillmon -----	\$50.00	Mrs. E. F. Wallace -----	\$ 25.00
Mrs. W. H. Wright -----	26.00	Mrs. June Pointer -----	5.00
Mrs. Ella Miller -----	25.00	Mrs. J. M. Smith -----	5.00
Mrs. R. B. Brown -----	26.00	Mrs. B. F. Scott -----	5.00
Mrs. Fay Norman -----	50.00	Mrs. J. G. Dozier -----	25.00
Mrs. Josephine Douglas -----	30.00	Mrs. Connie Davis -----	5.00
Mrs. E. L. Stewart -----	10.00		
			\$ 287.00

North Little Rock Totals -----	\$ 200.00
Little Rock Totals-----	271.50
Oklahoma Totals-----	287.00
District Totals-----	\$ 758.50
Special Donation -----	5.00
Public Offering-----	28.25
Grand Total-----	\$ 791.75
Vouchers from General Board of Pension-----	\$ 240.00
Cash-----	551.75

## SECTION VII - HISTORICAL

### ENABLING ACT

Whereas the Little Rock Conference and the southwest portion of the Lincoln Conference, comprising the state of Oklahoma, were merged to form what is now known as The Southwest Conference, November 28, 1928, at McGehee, Arkansas.

Be it resolved that: The notation of the Annual Sessions be dated from the time of origin of the Little Rock Conference, February 21, 1879, at Van Buren, Arkansas.

Be it further resolved that: That all times, during the existence of the said Southwest Conference or in consideration of future mergers, recognition of the contribution of the former Lincoln Conference be duly reflected.

The foregoing instrument expresses the desires of the Cabinet and members of the Southwest Conference in session at Ardmore, Oklahoma, June 23, 1956.

Edwin C. Sanders, Secretary.

### IN THE PULASKI COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Re: Incorporation of "The Southwest Conference  
of the Methodist Church" #44296

### PETITION FOR INCORPORATION

Come Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Edwin C. Sanders, Ira A. Pointer, Eustace F. Wallace, Joyce G. Dozier and others, in their articles of association, states:

1. That the name of this organization shall be and is "The Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church" with temporary headquarters at 1418 Chester Street in Little Rock, Arkansas.

2. That the objects and purposes of this organization are strictly outlined upon a benevolent basis, for the mutual benefit of its members, for the promotion of religious activities and for such other purposes as may be consistent with the laws of Arkansas governing the operation and conduct of such benevolent associations.

3. That a list of the officers and members are as follows:

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr. -----	President
Edwin C. Sanders -----	Secretary
G. James Washington and	
Ernestine Miller -----	Assistant Secretaries
Ira A. Pointer -----	Statistician
J. H. Thompson and	
Clifton Mitchell -----	Assistant Statisticians
Eustace F. Wallace -----	Treasurer
Joyce G. Dozier -----	Registrar

Members of the Board of Trustees are as follows:

Faye Norman, Chairman	A. L. Woodard
Ernest English	B. F. Littlejohn
Clifton Mitchell	Frank A. Young
C. C. Hall	W. H. Bass
W. Harold Flowers	

A list of the members are as follows:

Garfield F. Tipton, Phamous H. Kelley, Benjamin F. Neal, General G. Troupe, Anthony L. Woodard, John H. Oliver, Benjamin F. Littlejohn, William H. D. Bright, Cortelyou C. Hall, Frank Sanders, Cleveland G. Tillmon, Daniel D. Hawkins, Ira A. Pointer, Emanuel M. Johnson, E. L. Stewart, Fay Norman, J. L. Davis, Eustace F. Wallace, James C. Tyus, Simmie P. Holland, Elliott M. Douglas, Roy B. Brown, Elizah T. Hickman, Clifton C. Mitchell, Charles H. Roe, Edwin C. Sanders, Joyce G. Dozier, Lewis T. Thompson, Hilliard A. Davie, Carter L. Watson, Oliver W. Gibson, William H. Bass, Jr., E. L. Lloyd, Franklin C. Souder, Ralph G. Nathan, and others.

4. That attached hereto is a copy of the constitution which is made a part and parcel of this petition for incorporation.

WHEREFORE, petitioners pray that they be declared a body politic under the name and style of "The Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church, with temporary situs in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, as provided under Sections 2252-2261 inclusive of Pope's Digest of the laws of Arkansas, providing for incorporation of benevolent association, and for all further and proper relief.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Edwin C. Sanders,  
Ira A. Pointer, Eustace F. Wallace, Joyce G. Dozier,  
By: Thad D. Williams, their attorney

### CONSTITUTION

First. The name of said corporation shall be "The Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church."

Second. The object of said corporation shall be to receive, hold and administer any and all moneys, funds and property, real and personal, that may from time to time come into its hands by donation, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise for any of the uses, purposes and needs of the Southwest Conference, particularly funds and property for the use and benefit of superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers of said Conference.

Third. Said Board is authorized to invest or place at interest any and all funds that may come into its hands for the use and benefit of the said Conference and shall make a full and complete report of its acts and doings in that behalf to the annual meetings of the said Southwest Conference for its approval, showing disposition of the interest and funds so received, provided always the Board shall carry out the wishes of the donors of said funds or property.

Fourth. That all vacancies in said Board shall be filled by the said Southwest Conference, but in the interim such vacancies may be filled by the remainder of said Board, and the persons so appointed to fill vacancies shall hold until the next meeting of the said Conference.

Fifth. That the regular meeting of said Board shall be on the first day of the annual session of the said Conference and at same place as the conference is held.

Provided also the President of the Board may call a meeting of the Board whenever deemed necessary.

Sixth. That the officers of said Board shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected every two years, provided



those elected at the first meeting shall hold until the regular annual meeting.  
Seventh. Four members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

# IN THE PULASKI COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Re: In Corporation of "The Southwest  
Conference of the Methodist Church" #44296

## ORDER

On this 22nd day of May, 1957, is presented a petition asking that "The Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church" be declared a body politic under Sections 2252-2261 inclusive of Pope's Digest of the laws of Arkansas.

'IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the petition is granted and the Clerk of this Court is directed to issue a charter accordingly.

Guy Amsler, Circuit Judge

## SESSIONS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1879 Feb. 21	Van Buren	Andrews	I. G. Pollard
1880 Feb. 11	Jacksonport	Merrill	I. G. Pollard
1881 Feb. 3	Hot Springs	Foss	I. G. Pollard
1882 Feb. 9	Little Rock	Peck	I. G. Pollard
1883 Feb. 8	Pine Bluff	Hurst	I. G. Pollard
1884 Feb. 13	Little Rock	Wiley	W. O. Emory
1885 Feb. 19	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thomas Mason
1886 Feb. 11	Little Rock	Bowman	W. O. Emory
1887 Feb. 17	Hot Springs	Fitzgerald	Thomas Mason
1888 Feb. 15	Little Rock	Warren	Thomas Mason
1889 Feb. 7	Hot Springs	Fitzgerald	Thomas Mason
1890 Feb. 13	Fort Smith	Vincent	Thomas Mason
1891 Feb. 22	Texarkana	Newman	Thomas Mason
1892 Feb. 3	Van Buren	Mallalieu	Thomas Mason
1893 Feb. 9	Little Rock	Newman	Thomas Mason
1894 Feb. 7	Hot Springs	Bowman	Thomas Mason
1895 Feb. 2	Pine Bluff	Walden	W. R. Duncan
1896 Jan. 22	Batesville	Ninde	Thomas Mason
1897 Jan. 28	Forrest City	Andrews	Thomas Mason
1898 Jan. 27	Van Buren	Merrill	W. R. Duncan
1899 Feb. 3	Hot Springs	Joyce	H. P. Strong
1900 Jan. 1	Little Rock	Goodsell	H. P. Strong
1901 Feb. 7	Brinkley	Warren	H. P. Strong
1902 Feb. 6	Fort Smith	Fowler	H. P. Strong
1903 Jan. 22	Clow	Walden	H. P. Strong
1904 Feb. 21	Pine Bluff	McCabe	J. W. Reed
1905 Jan. 19	Fordyce	McDowell	J. W. Jackson
1906 Jan. 11	Fayetteville	Fitzgerald	J. W. Jackson
1907 Jan. 17	Cotton Plant	Warren	J. W. Jackson
1908 Jan. 23	Little Rock	Berry	J. L. Wilson
1909 Jan. 28	Clow	Neulson	J. L. Wilson
1910 Feb. 10	Van Buren	Smith	J. L. Wilson
1911 Feb. 1	Marianna	Quayle	M. N. Langston
1912 Feb. 29	Pine Bluff	Moore	M. N. Langston
1913 Jan. 29	Newport	Quayle	D. W. Boatner
1914 Jan. 29	Texarkana	McIntyre	D. W. Boatner

1915 Jan. 28	Cotton Plant	Leete	L. G. Hodges
1916 Jan. 26	Fort Smith	Bristol	S. J. Saxon
1917 Jan. 17	Little Rock	Stuntz	S. J. Saxon
1917 Dec. 6	Stamps	Quayle	S. J. Saxon
1918 Dec. 4	Batesville	M. S. Hughes	J. W. Jackson
1919 Dec. 17	Hot Springs	Quayle	J. W. Jackson
1920 Dec. 8	Cotton Plant	Quayle	B. F. Neal
1921 Dec. 14	Fort Smith	Quayle	B. F. Neal
1922 Dec. 6	Helena	Clair	B. F. Neal
1923 Dec. 5	Little Rock	Stuntz	B. F. Neal
1924 Dec. 3	Fayetteville	Clair	B. F. Neal
1925 Dec. 17	Texarkana	Jones	B. F. Neal
1926 Dec.	Batesville	Clair	B. F. Neal
1927 Dec.	Little Rock	Clair	L. C. Williams
1928 Nov. 28	McGhee	Clair	J. M. Smith

### SESSIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1929 Dec. 3	Muskogee	Clair	J. M. Smith
1930 Nov. 5	Little Rock	Clair	J. M. Smith
1931 Dec. 28	Fort Smith	Clair	P. W. Webb
1932 Oct. 26	Muskogee	Clair	W. D. Lester
1933 Oct. 28	Hot Springs	Clair	W. D. Lester
1934 Oct. 29	Tulsa	Clair	W. D. Lester
1935 Oct. 30	Little Rock	Cushman	W. D. Lester
1936 Oct. 28	Oklahoma City	Jones	W. Louder
1937 Oct. 20	Pine Bluff	Jones	J. N. Wallace
1938 Oct. 19	Hot Springs	Meade	J. N. Wallace
1939 Oct. 25	Muskogee	Jones	C. K. Brown
1940 Oct. 30	Texarkana	Shaw	C. K. Brown
1941 Oct. 1	Ardmore	Jones	Chas. F. Golden
1942 Oct. 14	Little Rock	Jones	T. J. Griffin
1943 Oct. 10	Fort Smith	Jones	T. J. Griffin
1944 Oct. 11	Tulsa	Kelley	T. J. Griffin
1945 Oct. 25	Texarkana	Kelley	T. J. Griffin
1946 Oct. 30	Muskogee	Kelley	T. J. Griffin
1947 Oct. 22	Little Rock	Kelly	E. F. Wallace
1948 Oct. 20	Oklahoma City	Kelly	E. F. Wallace
1949 Nov. 9-13	Fort Smith	Kelly	C. Jarrett Gray
1950 Nov. 1-5	Muskogee	Kelly	C. Jarrett Gray
1951 Oct. 23-28	Little Rock	Kelly	C. Jarrett Gray
1952 Oct. 15-19	Tulsa	Clair, Jr.	J. G. Dozier
1953 Oct. 14-18	Hot Springs	Clair, Jr.	J. G. Dozier
1954 June 2-6	Muskogee	Clair, Jr.	J. G. Dozier
1955 June 9-12	Little Rock	Clair, Jr.	J. G. Dozier
1956 June 20-24	Ardmore	Clair, Jr.	Edwin C. Sanders
1957 June 13-16	Fort Smith	Clair, Jr.	Edwin C. Sanders
1958 June 12-15	Oklahoma City	Clair, Jr.	Edwin C. Sanders

### SECTION VIII - IN MEMORIAM

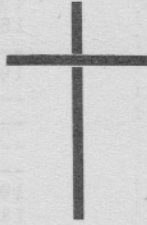
"Servant of God, well done! Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won, And thou are crowned at last."  
--Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Williamson, J. W.		----	Jan. 20, 1884
Tate, Albert		1884	July 7, 1887
McDonald, Henry - Nov. 27, 1857		1872	March 6, 1888
Speers, Alexander - Jan. 1, 1858		1883	Dec. 31, 1889
Lemons, June - 1859		----	May, 1891
Sams, George - 1844		1886	Dec. 1, 1891
Lacy, M. L.		1889	1895
Peele, Jefferson A. - Feb. 3, 1851		1879	Feb. 3, 1897
Bailey, Thomas J. - Feb. 12, 1862		1882	July 5, 1897
Spencer, E. D. - Aug. 2, 1851		1889	Nov. 15, 1897
Fletcher, A. J. - Sept. 27, 1853		1888	
Crawley, A. C. - Feb. 25, 1858		1876	Jan. 3, 1898
Phillips, A. J. - Oct. 10, 1848		1879	Jan. 31, 1898
Hamilton, J. A. - Dec. 14, 1860		1892	Oct. 22, 1898
Henry, J. H.		----	Oct. 5, 1899
Todd, W. M. - Feb. 3, 1858		1897	March 30, 1902
Crump, H. G.		1890	Aug. 2, 1902
Thompson, J. G. - 1852		1875	March 20, 1903
Crawford, W. H.		1879	1905
Jackson, G. W.		1897	Feb. 6, 1905
Taylor, G. W. - 1832		1872	1906
Davis, S. B.		1872	1906
Brooks, Washington		----	Feb. 17, 1907
Johnston, D. W.		1896	April 3, 1907
Izard, G. J. - 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. - Feb. 14, 1860		1887	Dec. 20, 1908
Johnson, John D. - April 24, 1860		1874	1908
Clark, J. M.		1892	May 22, 1909
Thompson, T. J.		1889	Feb. 10, 1910
Kitchens, U. S.		1880	1910
Burns, U. W.		1882	1910
Auston, J. H.		----	1910
Duncan, W. R. R.		1884	1914
Fagin, R. B.		1897	1912
Morris, W. H.		1881	May 23, 1913
Barnes, J. B.		1884	May 24, 1913
Dunlap, H. C.		1897	Nov. 1, 1914
Johnson, B. H.		1888	April 27, 1915
Doncey, G. B.		1888	1916
Griffen, B. J. -		1887	Nov. 30, 1917
Evans, W. D.		1914	1917
Owens, Phillip		1887	March 3, 1918
Hall, David		----	1918
Roberts, Ezra		1876	Dec. 22, 1919
Smith, S. N.		----	May 10, 1920
Hines, J. H.		1904	March 20, 1920
Foster, M. H.		1888	1920
Whitehead, C. W. - Feb. 9, 1863		1887	April 4, 1921
Cain, S. M.		1890	Feb. 28, 1923
Smith, Nathaniel		1883	March 7, 1923
Hawkins, J. T.		1892	July 4, 1923
Wilson, J. R.		1900	Aug. 31, 1923
Watson, Z. K.		1904	Nov. 2, 1923

Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Taylor, C. F. - May 4, 1856		1911	1923
Washington, E.		1911	1923
Lamar, C. E.		1909	May, 1924
Cain, M. B. A.		1897	Sept. 7, 1924
Sampson, C. W.		1907	Oct. 4, 1924
Swift, J. A.		1884	Sept., 1925
Jackson, J. W.		1922	1925
Bryant, J. L.		1904	1927
Cunningham, W. J.		1923	1927
Baxter, James		1884	1928
Coulter, H. P. - Sept. 11, 1867		1889	Aug. 18, 1929
Stokes, S. M.		1814	1928
Hatchett, J. H.		1909	1930
Simpson, W. H. - 1865		1897	Nov. 18, 1930
Rivers, W. C.		1914	1931
Kyles, C. L.		1907	1932
Johnson, S. T.		1894	June 13, 1932
Preston, L. G. - 1843		1891	Oct. 26, 1932
Harris, D. H. E.		1891	Oct. 26, 1932
Byrd, K. T.		1926	1932
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 - Jan. 1, 1858		1873	1934
Hall, G. A.		1892	Sept. 2, 1934
Miller, April S.		1904	Aug. 29, 1935
Johnson, G. N.		1881	1935
Taber, Charles - April 6, 1861		1897	Oct. 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
Jordon, B. J.		1912	1939
Howell, C. H.		1912	1939
Cobbell, J. P.		1929	1939
Prewitt, Paul		1894	1940
Harston, D. B.		1896	1940
Adams, J. C.		1894	1941
Brown, J. W.		1902	1941
Turner, E. J. - Dec. 18, 1871		1902	Jan. 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		----	Jan. 2, 1945
Scott, Benjamin F. - May 18, 1888		1916	July 15, 1945
Moses, Bennie		----	Aug. 14, 1945
McIntosh, Waters		1891	Oct. 16, 1945
Langford, W. S. - 1855		1875	April, 1946
Fields, Z. R. - 1901		----	Sept. 27, 1946
Henry, Joseph		1910	April 16, 1946



Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Williams, L. C. - 1911		----	June, 1946
Dorsby, C.H.		----	1946
Wallace, J. N.		1907	Oct. 22, 1947
Cabean, A. C. - March 17, 1878		1915	May 30, 1947
Strong, M. F. - April 4, 1875		1897	Feb. 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		----	Dec. 25, 1949
Edwards, T. H. - Jan. 1, 1896		1917	July 13, 1950
Franklin, D. G. - April 5, 1869		1892	Sept. 19, 1950
Coburn, Nathan - Aug. 20, 1883		1914	1951
Smith, W. A. - Oct. 1, 1865		1902	Oct. 18, 1952
Johnson, S. E. - Dec. 1, 1884		1931	1952
Tolbert, R. J., Sr. - Feb. 17, 1890		1923	Nov. 22, 1953
Moss, Oscar G. - March 3, 1869		1921	1954
Stokes, J. S. - Feb. 9, 1876		1907	1954
Nelson, Lee - Oct. 15, 1858		1898	Sept. 28, 1954
Smith, Dudley - March 14, 1867		1898	Aug. 8, 1955
Roe, D. J. - Jan. 9, 1882		1904	Dec. 16, 1955
Johnson, I. G. P. - July 21, 1907		1933	April 16, 1956
Taylor, S. S. - Nov. 21, 1886		1933	May 18, 1956
Brooks, Charles H.		1913	Oct. 26, 1957
Tipton, Garfield F.		1910	Nov. 20, 1957
Kelley, Phamous H. - June 25, 1884		1911	May 8, 1958
Johnson, Willis D.		1919	May 11, 1958



### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His Infinite Wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our ranks these, His Laborers and our Brethren; and

WHEREAS,

Charles H. Brooks  
Willis D. Johnson  
Phamous H. Kelley  
Garfield F. Tipton,

having served the closing chapters of their Christian Ministry in the Southwest Conference;

BE IT RESOLVED, that, The Southwest Conference express its appreciation for each of their lives and labor:

"And ever near us, though unseen,

The dear immortal spirits tread;

For all the boundless universe

Is Life - there are no dead!"

--Ministers of The Southwest Conference

SECTION IX  
FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT  
CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSIONS

Southwest Annual Conference  
Date of Session - June 12-15, 1958

General Board of Pensions  
The Methodist Church  
Form 4B  
Rate Paid \$6.00

RECEIPTS

During 1957-1958 to be distributed during 1958-1959.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SOURCES

1. Balance Previous Year
2. Pastoral Charges on Apportionment ----- \$ 3,342.70  
Income from Conference Investments:
3. Held by Conference Corporations  
    (a)  
    (b)  
    (c)
4. Held by General Board of Pensions  
    (a) Illinois Corporation ----- \$ 194.11  
    (b) Missouri Corporation
- 5.
- 6.
7. Total Investment Income ----- \$ 194.11
- 8.
- 9.

GENERAL BOARD OF PENSIONS

10. Chartered Fund ----- \$ 80.00
11. Appropriation - Illinois Corporation ----- \$1,125.00
12. General Fund Income, Missouri Corporation
13. Receivable from Clearinghouse
- 14.

OTHER ITEMS

15. Methodist Publishing House ----- \$1,865.18
16. Pastor's Per Cent of Salary - MRPF ----- 434.20
17. Balance due for 1957 - MRPF ----- 3,464.00
18. Minister's Wives - MRPF ----- 756.00
19. From Charges - MRPF ----- 181.00
20. Trans. from Stab. ----- 450.00
- Total ----- \$ 11,892.19

PROSPECTIVE DISBURSEMENTS

During 1958-1959 of funds collected during 1957-1958.

REGULAR CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

On Basis of Service

21. Retired Ministers ----- \$3,276.00
22. Widows ----- 2,674.00
23. Children ----- 119.00
24. Regular Relief
25. Total Regular Conference Claimants ----- \$6,069.00

SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

26. On Basis of Service ----- \$ 96.00
27. Relief ----- 185.00
28. Total Special Conference Claimants ----- \$ 281.00

OTHER ITEMS

29. Emergency Relief
30. Payable to Clearinghouse

31.	Increase in Rate Above Clearinghouse Rate	
32.	Claimants in Other Conferences	
32.	For Stabilization Fund (para. 1611 - 13)	
33.	Ministers 2% MRPF-----	\$434.20
34.	Balance Due for 1957 - MRPF-----	\$3,464.00
35.	Minister's Wives - MRPF-----	\$756.00
36.	From Charges - MRPF-----	181.00
37.		
38.		
39.		
40.		
41.		
42.		
43.		
44.	Expenses, Conference Board of Pensions	
45.	Prospective Balance -----	\$706.99
	Total -----	\$11,892.19

#### CERTIFICATE OF TREASURER

I certify that this report, and the supporting data on Forms 5B, 6B, 7B and 8B, have been carefully inspected and that to the best of my knowledge are correct.

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Treasurer



# STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION RETIREMENT MINISTERS

General Board of Pensions  
The Methodist Church  
Form 5B  
Annual Conference - Southwest

Conference Year 1958-1959		Annuity Rate \$6.00		Southwest		Other		Total		Supply	
No.	Name	Total App'v'd Years	MRPF Years	Years	Annuity	Years	Annuity	Years	Annuity	Years	Annuity
1.	Albright, Hilliard	39 $\frac{3}{4}$		39 $\frac{3}{4}$	239						239
2.	Buchanan, Alfred L.	35 $\frac{1}{2}$		35 $\frac{1}{2}$	213						213
3.	Greene, William M.	56 $\frac{1}{2}$		56 $\frac{1}{2}$	339						339
4.	Hanna, William H.	39 $\frac{3}{4}$		39 $\frac{3}{4}$	237						237
5.	Hawkins, Daniel D.	26 $\frac{1}{2}$		26 $\frac{1}{2}$	159						159
6.	Holland, Needham W.	14		14	84						84
7.	Myers, Patrick H.	41 $\frac{3}{4}$		41 $\frac{3}{4}$	251						251
8.	Neal, Benjamin F.	45 $\frac{1}{2}$		33 $\frac{3}{4}$	203		235				438
9.	Parker, Isaac P.	35		35	210			11 $\frac{3}{4}$			210
10.	Shaw, Love S.	39 $\frac{1}{2}$		39 $\frac{1}{2}$	237						237
11.	Smith, J. Murray	29		29	174						174
12.	Thomas, Samuel N.	14 $\frac{3}{4}$		1 $\frac{3}{4}$	89						89
13.	Wilbur, Matthew M.	30 $\frac{3}{4}$		30 $\frac{3}{4}$	185						185
14.	Winston, John W.	34 $\frac{3}{4}$		34 $\frac{3}{4}$	209						209
15.	Woodward, Anthony L.	35 $\frac{1}{4}$		35 $\frac{1}{4}$	212						212
Total		518		506 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,041		235	11 $\frac{3}{4}$			3,276

# STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION WIDOWS

General Board of Pensions  
The Methodist Church  
Form 6B

Conference Year - 1958-1959

Annual Conference - Southwest

No.	Name	Widow's App'l'y'd Years	MRPF Years	Southwest Years	Annual Rate \$4.20	Other Years	Annual Relief	Total Supply Annuity (p.1630-16)
1.	Brown, Samuel J.	27½		27½	116		116	
2.	Bruce, David	16¾		16¾	70		70	
3.	Bryan, John L.	3½		3½	15		15	
4.	Cabean, Alexander C.	12¾		12¾	54		54	
5.	Coburn, Nathan	36¾		36¾	152		152	
6.	Coulter, Henry P.	29¾		29¾	125		125	
7.	Edwards, Thomas H.	27½		20	223		243	
8.	Fields, Zachariah R.	30		30	126		126	
9.	Harris, Daniel H.	13		13	55		55	
10.	Hatchett, Jackson H.	23		23	97		97	
11.	Henry, Joseph H.	20		20	84		84	
12.	Johnson, Willis	6		6	25		25	
13.	Kelley, P. H.	41½		19½	82	22	301	
14.	Miller, Alfred S.	31½		31½	131	219	131	
15.	Morris, William H.	12		12	50		50	
16.	Nelson, Robert L.	21¾		21¾	91		91	
17.	Richardson, John H.	6¾		6¾	28		28	
18.	Roe, Dave J.	22		22	92		92	
19.	Scott, Benjamin F.	22¼		22¼	93		93	
20.	Scruggs, Payton F.	24¾		24¾	104		104	
21.	Sherrill, W. S.	3¼		3¼	14		14	
22.	Simpson, William H.	33¾		33¾	142		142	
23.	Smith, S. N.	15¼		13¼	56	2	77	
24.	Strong, Mortimer F.	36½		36½	153		153	
25.	Tipton, Garfield F.	17		10¾	45	6¼	93	
26.	Tolbert, Robert J.	24		24	101	48	101	
27.	Williamson, John W.	10		10	42		42	
Total		568		515	2,163	53	511	2,674

# STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION CHILDREN

General Board of Pensions  
The Methodist Church  
Form 7B  
Annual Conference - Southwest

Conference Year - 1958-1959

No.	Name of Mother or Guardian	Name of Child	Age	Father's App'v'd Years	Annuity Rate \$1.50	MRPF Years	Southwest Years	Other Years	Total Annuity	Relief
1.	Clark, Frank J.	Tempy	19	14½	14½	22			22	
*2.	Sullivan, Mrs. Dora W. Leroy Wallace (Afflicted)			41½	1	18½	28	21½	69	97
Total										119

\*Additional Pensions Paid from MRPF

## STATEMENT OF PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTION SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS

General Board of Pensions  
The Methodist Church  
Form 8B  
Annual Conference - Southwest

Conference Year 1958-1959

No.	Name	Yrs. Annuity Relief	No.	Name	Widows \$4.20	Children \$1.50	Yrs. Annuity Relief
MINISTERS							
1.	Hill, B. More	4	60	1. Hill, Mrs. John Thomas			75
2.	Moore, C. E.	12	72	2. Wright, Mrs. William H.			50
3.	Perry, G. W.						
Total		16	96	60			125

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Board of Pensions of the Southwest Conference, urgently request that the conference renew its enthusiasm and effort to raise the amount necessary for us to enter at the earliest possible date, the Methodist Reserve Pension Plan.

2. We recommend that the balance needed to enter the reserve pension plan, be divided into the three districts according to the accepted ration as recommended by the Commission on World Service and Finance, and approved by the Southwest Conference.

3. We recommend that each District Superintendent will give to each charge its share of the amount needed according to the accepted ratio.

4. We recommend that the month of November shall be designated as "Reserved Pension Emphasis Month," at which time throughout the conference special efforts shall be made to raise in each charge, and through special pledges our quota for the reserve pension program.

5. We ask each minister, to attempt to bring up to date during the current year, the 2% which has been voted by the conference throughout the campaign.

6. And that the minister's wives will continue their effort to assist in this worthy cause.

Signed: E. L. Lloyd, E. L. Stewart

## BUDGET REPORT 1958 - 1959

### Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church

Apportionments figured on a percentage basis for the District are:

1. Little Rock District ----- 33%
2. North Little Rock District ----- 36%
3. Oklahoma District ----- 31%

Episcopal Fund ----- 2% of Pastor's cash salary

Conference Claimants ----- 15% of Pastor's cash salary

#### Administrative Expense

	<u>Little Rock</u>	<u>N. L. Rock</u>	<u>Okla.</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Administration	\$ 64.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 194.00
Area Expense	1,212.42	1,322.64	1,138.94	3,674.00
Jurisdictional Conf.	211.20	230.40	198.40	640.00
Conference Claims				
Bonding and Audit	72.00	66.00	62.00	200.00
Treasurer's Expense	363.00	396.00	341.00	1,100.00
Conference Secretary	33.00	36.00	31.00	100.00
Conference Minutes	236.28	257.76	221.96	716.00
Conference Expense	99.00	108.00	93.00	300.00
General and Conference Benevolence				
World Service	1,093.00	1,192.00	1,026.00	3,311.00
Bd. of Education	1,980.00	2,160.00	1,860.00	6,000.00
Bd. of Missions	288.00	264.00	248.00	800.00
Bd. of Lay Activities	99.00	108.00	93.00	300.00
Comm. of Social & Economic Relations	49.50	54.00	46.50	150.00
Bd. of Evangelism	99.00	108.00	93.00	300.00
Bd. of Pensions	24.75	27.00	23.25	75.00
Interdenominational				
Coop. Fund	51.00	56.00	48.00	155.00



	<u>Little Rock</u>	<u>N. L. Rock</u>	<u>Okla.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Commission on World Service	\$ 33.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 100.00
Hospitals and Homes	24.75	27.00	23.25	75.00
District Supt. Funds				
Salaries	3,366.00	3,672.00	3,162.00	10,200.00
Expense and Cultivation	600.00	600.00	600.00	900.00
District Con. Adm.				
Special Reserve & Loan Fund	- 1,485.00	1,620.00	1,395.00	4,500.00
<u>Special Askings</u>				
Philander Smith College (\$1 per member)	1,624.56	1,771.92	1,525.52	4,922.00
Wesley Foundation (\$ .30 per member)	487.28	531.57	457.75	1,477.00
<u>World Service</u>				
T. V. Ministry	19.80	21.60	18.60	60.00
Bd. of Christian Vocation	33.00	36.00	31.00	100.00
Total	\$13,647.00	\$14,819.98	\$12,922.17	\$ 41,249.00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### ST. LOUIS AREA

May 10, 1957 through May 1, 1958

#### RECEIPTS

Balance as of May 9, 1957 -----	\$ 345.19
Area Fund:	
Central West Conference -----	5,835.24
Lexington Conference -----	12,756.97
Southwest Conference -----	1,000.00
Tennessee Conference -----	1,490.48
Wyatt Realty Company -----	512.22
Promotion and Cultivation - General Office -----	610.57
General Board of Pensions -----	500.00
Sale of Books -----	3.52
Registrations from Graduate Pastors' School -----	420.00
Donation from St. Louis Sub-district Methodist Men for Bethel, E. St. Louis, Illinois -----	50.00
Refunds:	
Ministerial Loans -----	150.00
Sale of items, i. e., stamps, cards, etc. -----	18.04
Undergraduate & Graduate Schools -----	1,070.00
Movie Projector -----	100.00
Conference on Industrial Relations -----	8.13
Loans to the Area -----	6,878.55
From Lexington Conference for Werner Church, Cleveland -----	9,531.37
Total -----	\$41,280.28

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Reverend M. D. Pembroke (Salary, Rent, Travel) -----	\$7,286.00
Reverend Hermes Zimmerman -----	4,183.92
Fort Wayne, Indiana - Salary Supplement -----	300.00
Bank Note -----	378.88

Racine, Wisconsin - Bank Note -----	\$ 624.43
Marshalltown - Gary, Indiana -----	885.16
Muncie, Indiana - Salary Supplement -----	825.00
Hastings, Nebraska - Taxes on property -----	603.66
Insurance on new projects -----	437.50
McCabe, North Little Rock, Salary Supplement ----	1,200.00
Cleveland Avenue, Kansas City, Salary Supplem. ---	1,200.00
Lockesburg, Arkansas -----	1,000.00
Memphis, Tenn., Golden Chapel, Salary Supplem. ---	600.00
Tennessee Conference Survey -----	128.38
Emergency Loans to Ministers -----	1,482.74
Mrs. T. H. Hines - Emergency -----	150.00
Methodist Information - Stipend & Expenses -----	148.55
Pastor's Schools -----	4,500.00
Youth Convocation - Travel & Supplies-----	719.19
Conference on Industrial Relations -----	25.00
General Board of Lay Activities - Supplies -----	100.00
Cabinet Meetings (Area) -----	50.00
Program Committee Meetings - Expenses -----	89.97
Annual Conference Expenses-----	139.97
Missouri Council of Churches - Travel Expense -----	17.40
Post Office Box Rental - 1 year -----	30.00
Postage and Postage Meter Rental -----	434.80
Telephone and Telegrams -----	994.63
Electric Typewriter purchase & repairs -----	205.64
Supplies - Stationery, equipment, paper, stencils, inks, etc. -----	845.99
Area Cultivation - literature, visual aids, etc. -----	317.32
Payment on Bank Loans -----	1,461.25
On Werner Church, Cleveland, Ohio -----	9,531.37
Total -----	\$ 40,896.75
Balance, May 1, 1958-----	\$ 383.53

## SECTION X - CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

### EFFECTIVE ELDERS

Name	On Trial	Deacon	Elder	Yrs. of Ser.
Troupe, General G.	1912	1912	1914	46
Oliver, John H.	1923	1923	1926	35
Littlejohn, Benjamin F.	1923	1923	1926	35
Bright, William H. D.	1927	1927	1929	31
Hall, Cortelyou C.	1930	1930	1932	28
Sanders, Frank	1930	1930	1932	28
Tillmon, Cleveland G.	1930	1930	1932	28
Pointer, Ira A.	1931	1931	1934	27
Johnson, Emanuel M.	1933	1933	1935	25
Stewart, E. L.	----	----	1933	25
Norman, Fay	1935	1935	1937	23
Davis, J. I.	1938	1938	1940	20
Wallace, Eustace F.	1938	1938	1940	20
Tyus, James C.	1938	1938	1940	20
Holland, Simmie P.	1938	1938	1940	20
Douglas, Elliott M	1941	1941	1943	17
Brown, Roy B.	1941	1941	1943	17
Hickman, Elijah T.	----	----	1943	15
Mitchell, Clifton C.	1943	1943	1945	15
Roe, Charles H.	----	----	1944	14

EFFECTIVE ELDERS (cont'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>On Trial</u>	<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Yrs. of Ser.</u>
Sanders, Edwin C.	1944	1944	1947	14
Gibson, Oliver W.	1945	1945	1948	13
Dozier, Joyce G.	1945	1945	1949	13
Thompson, Lewis T.	1946	1946	1949	12
Davie, Hilliard A.	1946	1946	1951	12
Watson, Carter L.	1948	1948	1949	10
Lloyd, Elijah L.	1949	1949	1957	9
Nathan, Ralph G.	1950	1950	1952	8
Washington, Harvey Reeves	1950	1950	1955	8
Souder, Franklin C.	1952	1952	1953	6
Anderson, Alexander M.	1952	1952	1954	6
Riley, Negail Rudolph	1954	1954	1958	4

NAME OF PASTOR		EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL CHURCH														MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										General Administration In Additional Area, Conference and District Administration	
		Paid on Principal and Interest on Old Indebtedness, etc.	Paid for Buildings and Improvements	Paid Other Current Expenses, Incidentals, etc.	Paid for Church School Administration, Lesson Materials, Supplies, etc.	Salary Claim for Pastor and Associate(s) at Beginning this Year	Pastor and Associate Pastors				District Sup'ts. Fund		Episcopal Fund		Conference Claims Fund		Min. Salary Fund										
							Paid Pastor	Paid Associate Pastor(s)	Total Paid Pastor and Associate Pastor(s)	Paid Pastor's and Associate(s) Travel and Expense Funds	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid									
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT		42	43	44	45	46	47a	47b	47c	48c	49a	49b	50a	50b	51a	51b	52a	52b	53	54							
C. L. Watson F. C. Souder B. F. Littlejohn		\$	\$ 869	\$ 123	\$ 47	\$ 1,350	\$1,081	\$	\$1,081	\$	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$	\$ 15	\$	\$ 40	\$	\$	\$	\$							
			3,000		4	1,200	600		600			124		12		48			5								
A. L. Buchanan C. C. Hall H. A. Davis W. H. Hanna R. J. Tolbert, Jr.		1,150	240	1,438	85	1,200	1,200		1,200	50	130	130	24	24	180	180			10								
						2,600	2,300		2,300	150	232	232	52	52	370	200			5								
			285		50	600	490		490	13	44	44				6											
				960	165	2,600	2,600		2,600	111	176	176		22		175											
											340		52	48	360	240			15								
J. C. Tyus D. D. Hawkins L. E. Douglas W. H. Piggee E. L. Hickman		3,300	3,000	250	185	1,200	1,000		1,000	25	185	185		12		60											
			150	41	3	300	125		125	16	38	38		2		18											
		418		140	96	1,300	1,000		1,000		129			3		35											
			76	74	54	500	372		372		96			17		6											
				245	125	1,500	800		800	75	170	170		6		70											
P. L. Clinkscales Clifton Mitchell Lloyd Smith O. W. Gibson			400			400	288		288		112	42				17											
		442	2,381	61	707	1,600	745		1,294	64	190	164				50											
			200	1,488	133	2,800	2,800		2,800	200	300	300	56	56	420	420			1								
Total		\$5,310	10,401	\$5,029	\$1,766	\$	\$		18,266	\$ 779	\$2,752	\$ 286	\$	\$1,716	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$							
Total Last Year		1,000	21,696	3,838	1,470	2,600	2,300		20,021	801	3,463	374		2,317		20											
Increase		4,310	11,295	1,191	316				1,755	22	711	88		601													
Decrease																											
NORTH LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT																											
P. H. Myers H. L. Albright G. G. Troupe J. H. Thompson W. H. D. Bright J. I. Davis B. F. Neal Clifton Banks John M. Love C. H. Roe		\$ 71	\$	\$	\$	\$ 294	\$ 294		\$ 294	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3	\$	\$ 15	\$	\$	\$	\$							
			50		50	425	425		425	75	35			2	60	60											
			400	200		1,200			500	60	26			5													
			904	451	202	2,000	1,760		1,760		75			35													
			300	165	17	500	1,300	300	500	36	32	32	7	7	27	27											
			80	34	136	800	500		500	16	117	66	10	10		59											
		300	2,700	300	50	800	623		623	40						21											
						750	400		400		49	49			80	12											
		84		138	17	1,400	625		625		80					7											
					27				936		120	120															
L. T. Thompson E. C. Sanders Donald Grant Frank Sanders G. E. Loder A. M. Anderson				272	25	600	400		400		80	60		8													
			126	516	141	2,600	2,600		2,600	212	508	100		10		65											
				125	60	800	395		395					6													
			67	53	36	1,800	829		829		160	160		8		23											
		40		300	24	600	400		400																		
		1,091	2,153	4,753	500	4,350	4,350		4,350	402	535	535	87	90	653	653			37	327							
E. S. Marbley Thomas Jefferson D. E. Terry P. H. Kelly W. H. Bass			80	45	40	600	419		419	27																	
		18																									
					6	300	176		176	12																	



CONNECTIONAL FUND										BENEVOLENCES																										
Appointed	Salary Paid	General Administration	Jurisdictional Area, Conference and District Administration	Interdenom. Coop. Fund		World Service and Conf. Benevolences			List No.	World Service Special Gifts	General Advance Specials	Week of Dedication	Fellowship of Suffering and Service	Television Ministry Fund	W. S. C. S. (Including W. S. G.) Cash Sent to District and Conference Treasurers	Methodist Student Day	Methodist Youth Fund	Race Relations Sunday	CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES							All Other Benevolences	Grand Total 42-45, 47c, 48c, 49b, 50b, 51b, 52b-54, 55b, 56c, 57-74	List No.								
				Appointed	Paid	Appointed	Accepted	Paid											Colleges and Universities	Wesley Foundation	Hospitals	Home for Children, Youth and the Aged	Conference Advance Specials	Church School Rally Day												
NORTH LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT										55a	55b	56a	56b	56c	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75			
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OKLAHOMA DISTRICT																																				
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									883	39	8	18	30	9	225	5	8	541	801		9				64		12	16,822						2		
									1,370	5	5	32	54	8	384	12	28	968	1	86				40		1254	42,557									
									299	18	74	21	149	13	4	80	340	968	1	86				41		749	25,458 17,077									
									1,071	13	69	11	95	5		68	312							1		505	2,067									
									1,019	33	109	80	70	8	1,041	50	25	715	305	45				40	111	294	38,986							3		
									906	10	5	78	85	25	1,093	84	31	283	7				17	44	1374	34,963										
									113	23	104	2	15	17	52	34	6	432	38				33	67	1080	2,644										
									\$ 3,255 2,955	\$ 62 100	\$ 135 113	\$ 133 191	\$ 139 151	\$ 25 41	\$ 1,989 2,031	\$ 91 121	\$ 71 45	\$ 2,508 1,382	\$ 393 331	\$ 201 14	\$ 1 1	\$ 1 1	\$ 86 21	\$ 207 208		1682	\$ 136,549 117,227									
									300		22							26	1,116	62	187			65											20,322 8,322	
										38	58	12	16	42	30								1		605											

			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																			
List No.	CHARGE AND CHURCH	NAME OF PASTOR	Total Full Members Reported Last Year	Received this Year on Profession of Faith and Restored	Received by Transfer from Methodist Churches	Received from Other Denominations	Removed by Transfer to Other Methodist Churches	Removed by Quarterly Conf.	Removed to Other Denominations	Removed by Death	Total Full Members	BAPTISMS			CHURCH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP							Average Attendance at Sunday School All Ages
												Infants Presented by Parents or Guardian	All Others: Children, Youth, Adults	Preparatory Members now on Roll	Officers and Teachers	Child. Div. 0-11 years	Adult Division 12-23 years	Adult Division 24 years and over	Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)			
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT																						
1	Center Point L. P.	F. C. Souder	140	2		1					137	8	8	37	69	62	68	236				
2	Conway	B. F. Littlejohn	96	1	1		4	2	5	1	91		23	10	20	12	18					
3	Fayetteville	A. L. Buchanan	137	2	2	2					143	4	65	11	12	34	12	7				
4	Fort Smith	C. C. Hall	103		3	8		6		1	107	2	4	37	10	24	18	88	42			
5	Hope	H. A. Davie	68	1							69		1	4		1		11	10			
6	Horatio	W. H. Hanna	109	4							113	4	24	14		27	36	83	32			
7	Hot Springs	R. J. Tolbert	267	2	2	6	3		4	5	265	6	2	26	15	8	17	84	32			
8	Brown-Maumelle	C. L. Watson	104	3	2						109	9	30	10	30	35		126				
9	White Memorial	Q. W. Gibson	157	4		1	6		1	5	150	4	70	14	22	52	11	105				
10	Lockesburg Cir.	J. C. Tyus	114				2			2	110		14	18	20	30		57				
11	Morrilton	D. D. Hawkins	9	1							10			1			2	9				
12	Murfreesboro Cir.	L. E. Douglas	56		2					4	54		7	10		8	35	53				
13	Natural Steps	W. H. Piggee	26	2							28		11	9		5	24	38				
14	Panky Addition Cir.	E. T. Hickman	100	15	1	1	1				116	7	16	41	15	34	51	148				
15	Pleasant Hill Cir.	P. L. Clinkscale	45	5							50			4		27	31	38				
16	Texarkana	Clifton Mitchel	125	10		1		1			135		1	22	12	20	35	105				
17	Van Buren Cir.	Lloyd Smith	34	9						1	42			12	3	8	2	16	41			
Total			1,690	61	13	20	16	9	10	20	1,729	39	46	382	208	131	273	330				
Total Last Year				91	18	28	19	9	7	34	1,690	43	20	233	246	131	489	428				
Increase											39		26	149			47	395	1,289			
Decrease				30	5	8	3			14		4			38	216	98	95	436			
NORTH LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT																						
1	Batesville Cir.	P. H. Myers	20							2	18			3			3	5				
2	Carthage Cir.	H. Albright	139	10		2					151		9	9	16		15	6				
3	Clarendon Cir.	G. G. Troupe	58	2					10	1	49			12		15	18	12				
4	Cotton Plant	J. H. Thompson	173	3		1				3	174	2	7	18	22	40	32	1				
5	Bullock	D. W. Terry	34								34			7	6	11	6	5				
6	Dermott Cir.	W. H. D. Bright	24	1						3	22			9	6			6				
7	Forrest City Cir.	B. F. Neal	84	1	6	1					92	5	5	5		8		16	29			
8	Hensley Cir.	Frank Sanders	95	9						2	102	6	6	15		21	24	31	27			
9	Hughes Cir.	Clifton Banks	36		1					1	36			14		4		20	29			
10	Johnsville Cir.	C. H. Roe	65		1					1	65		5	3	11	6		30	47			
LITTLE ROCK:																						
11	Duncan Chapel	P. H. Kelley	57	1							98		18	7	16	50	15	4				
12	Wesley	A. M. Anderson	94		4	3	2			21	559	4	2	18	45	45	9	40	197			
13	Loanoke-Fordyce	J. I. Davis	67	1						2	66		1	47	9	12	12					
14	Marianna Cir.	John L. Love	103		2					3	102			6	11	8	14	56	87			
15	New Port	L. T. Thompson	37							1	36			12	8	4	5	8	25			
16	North Little Rock	W. H. Bass	76								76			3	3	26	14	10	33			
PINE BLUFF:																						
17	St. James	E. C. Sanders	113	5	1	5		1			123	4	5	39	14	31	13	12	70			
18	St. Mark	G. E. Loder	61								61			5	8	18		14	36			
19	Scruggs Cir.	Thomas Jefferson	77							1	76			12	6	6	10	3	19			
20	Stamps Cir.	R. G. Nathan	42	5						2	45			12		25	8	15	60			
21	Sweet Home Cir.	Everett Marbly	38	1			5			1	33			28	6	17	11	8	42			
Total			2,013	39	15	12	7	1	10	43	2,018	21	39	198	208	35	330	279	46			
Total Last Year				54	6	4	9	6	5	15	2,013	17	21	162	136	29	228	163	32			
Increase					9	8			5	29	5	4	18	36	6	102	116	14	190			
Decrease				15			2	5														
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT																						
1	Anadarko	R. B. Brown	84	1	3	6					94	5		25	14		30	24				
2	Ardmore	E. M. Douglas	105	1				23		1	82	1	1	20	7	2	29	6				
3	Eufaula	J. M. Smith	26				1				25			7	5	1	6	2				
4	Guthrie Cir.	E. L. Lloyd	60	12	12	6	2		1	1	86	3	2	30	15	16	27	16				
5	Hugo Cir.	Andrew Sims	104	1						2	103			15		35		15	60			
6	Muskogee-Porter	Fay Norman	135		12	3					148			4	17	26	8	12	82			
7	Oklahoma City, Quayle	E. F. Wallace	234	20	13	3	2	11	2	5	250	2	20	35	16	56	16	25	113			
8	Oklmulgee Cir.	J. G. Dozier	28	7	2	1	1	2			35			14	8	15	8	4	35			
9	Seminole Cir.	E. L. Stewart	29			2				1	26			16	9	11		17	27			
10	Sulphur	C. E. Moore	6								6			4	1			6	8			
11	Tulsa, Wesley	I. A. Pointer	240	5	1	2			1	1	246	3	4	60	10	81	14	17	123			
12	Vinita Cir.	June E. Pointer	43	1		3	2			1	38		1	9	8	13	10	13	44			
13	Wewoka		20			1					19			3		6	13	19	39			
14	Wynnewood Cir.	Connie Davis	39	1							40			6	20	15	18	5	64			
Total			1,198	49	43	21	12	38	6	12	1,198	14	28	223	131	41	343	153	9			
Total Last Year			1,153	24	15	14	5	19	8	19	1,153	23	31	225	136	17	350	201	11			
Increase				25	28	7	7	19			45		9	3	2	5	7	48	2			
Decrease									2	7												
RECAPITULATION																						
District		Superintendent																				
1 Little Rock		J. H. Oliver																				
Total			61	13	20	16	9	10	20	1,729	39	46	382	208	131	273	330	47	300	1,289		
Total Last Year			91	18	28	19	9	7	34	1,690	43	20	233	246	131	489	428	47	395	1,743		
Increase																						
Decrease			30	5	8	3			14		4	26	149	38	216	98		95	436			
2 North Little Rock		E. M. Johnson																				
Total			39	15	12	7	1	10	43	2,018	21	39	198	208	35	330	279	46	362	1,280		
Total Last Year			54	6	4	9	6	5	15	2,013	17	21	162	136	29	228	163	32	172	780		
Increase				9	8			5	29	5	4	18	36	62	6	102	116	14	190	500		
Decrease			15			2	5															
3 Oklahoma		C. G. Tillmon																				
Total			49	43	21	12	38	6	12	1,198	14	28	223	131	41	343	153	9	240	917		
Total Last Year			24	15	14	5	19	8	19	1,153	23	31	225	136	17	350	201	11	172	887		
Increase				28	7	7	19			45		9	3	2	5	7	48	2	68	30		
Decrease								2	7													
TOTAL			149	71	53	35	48	26	75	4,945	74	84	803	547	207	946	762	102	902	3,466		
TOTAL LAST YEAR			4,856	169	39	46	33	25	20	68	4,856	83	72	620	518	177	1,067	792	90	739		
INCREASE					32	7	2	23	6	7	89		12	183	29	30		12	163	74		
DECREASE			20									9				121	30					



CHURCH SCHOOLS										W. S. C. S.										Methodist Men		PROPERTY & OTHER ASSETS																		
MEMBERSHIP				ATTENDANCE				GENERAL INFORMATION																																
12-23 Years				Average Attendance Additional Sessions of Church School																																				
Adult Division 24 years and over																																								
Adult-Home Members				Average Attendance at Sunday School All Ages																																				
Adults (Exclude COL 17)				Average Attendance Sunday Evening Fellowship																																				
Total (Add 13-18 Inclusive)				Children Youth Older Adults																																				
				List No.																																				
				Number of Church Schools on Charge																																				
				Methodist Pupils and Constituents Vacation Ch. Schools																																				
				Methodist Pupils and Constituents in Weekday Schools																																				
				Church School Membership on Charge																																				
				Are All Lesson Mats. Used Approv. by Meth. Church, Yes or No																																				
				Church School Offer. for World Service & Conf. Benevolences																																				
				Number of Societies (Not Guilds, Groups, or Circles)																																				
				Membership (Including Wesleyan Service Guild)																																				
				Amount Paid for Local Work																																				
				Number Chartered Groups																																				
				Membership																																				
				Number "Together" Subscriptions																																				
				Number of Organized Churches																																				
				Estimated Value of Church Buildings, Equipment, and Land																																				
				Estimated Value of Parsonages, Furniture, and Land																																				
				Estimated Value of Other Property (Incl. Cash, Bonds, etc.)																																				
				Indebtedness on Builds. Equip., Parsonages, & Current Expenses																																				
				List No.																																				
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT																																								
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41																
68	236	183	1	4				1	4			Yes	35	3	26	52			4	4	\$ 19,000	\$ 8,000	\$	\$																
18	60	45	2	2				2	2			Yes				16				4	20,300	8,000																		
12	79	55	3	1				1	69			Yes				20			12	22,540	2,600																			
5	10	88	42	5	30	14	5	3	74			Yes	29	1	51	171			7	98,000	16,500	3,000	5,970																	
11	10		5	1				5	1			Yes		1	9	47			1	10,000	1,000																			
36	83	70	6	3				6	3			Yes	50	3		47			3	9,500	1,500																			
17	17		11	11				7	2	28	32	Yes	47	2	51	600			1	95,000	10,000																			
5	11							8	2			Yes		2	18				2	25,000	6,000																			
								9	1			Yes	45	1	50	164			1	51,000	10,000																			
								10	3			Yes	20	3	27	75			1	4,700	3,000	400	200																	
2	9	6	11					11						1	5	4				1	5,000																			
35	53							12	2	35		Yes	31	2	10	98			6	9,200	900		418																	
	38	20						13				Yes		2	10	76				2	2,800																			
	148	80						14	2											2	5,400	2,100	1,140																	
	31	18						15	2			Yes								2	3,000																			
	32	50						16	1	84		Yes								1	65,000	5,000																		
2	16	49	31	16	11	11	3	17	2	21	21	6	Yes	6	2	22	21			5	2	12,500	4,000		1,082															
47	300	1,289	863	69	41	53	15		31	311	53	17	263	22	290	1,344		5	67	28	33	\$ 459,140	\$ 79,600	\$ 4,540	\$ 7,670															
47	395	1,745	1,189	221	201	202	62		37	546	118	43	362	20	453	1,394		8	148	49	36	882,640	103,034	2,335	16,859															
95	456	326	152	160	149	47		6	235	65	26	99			163	50		3	81	21	3	423,500	23,434		9,189															
NORTH LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT																																								
3	15	61	49					1	1		4	Yes								2	\$ 55,000	\$ 3,000	\$	\$																
1	10	3	23					2	2		7	Yes								3	25,000	2,000		600																
56	149	100						3	2			Yes								3	12,000	3,000																		
5	28	19						4	4			Yes	37	1	23	10		1	8	5	43,000	8,000		286																
								5	1			Yes								1	1,500																			
	16	24						6	1			Yes	5			65				2	11,000	2,000																		
	31	91	27					7	1		1	Yes	30	1	8	18				2	20,000	8,500		2,800																
	10	28	14					8	3			Yes	41							3	8,000	1,000																		
	30	47	30					9	2			Yes	2	1	10	50				2	12,000	5,000																		
								10	2	40		Yes	30							2	3,900																			
4	9	101	43					11	1			Yes								2	17,000	3,000		550																
9	40	127	53					12	1	45		Yes	97	1	153	581		1	43	1	175,000	13,000		7,000																
12	49	30						13	2	15		Yes		2	15	25				2	22,000																			
14	56	95	40					14	1	35		Yes							4	2	10,000	3,500		1,100																
8	25	25						15	1	12		Yes								1	10,000	4,000		50																
10	53	40						16	1			Yes								1	1,200																			
	12	70	46					17	1	30		Yes	28	1	32	45				1	85,000	22,000																		
	14	54	35					18	1			Yes								1	10,000	3,000																		
	19	36						19	2			Yes								2	8,000																			
	15	60	40					20	3			Yes								3	6,000																			
	8	42	40					21	1			Yes								1	15,000	6,000		75																
46	362	1,260	660	28	44	47	15		33	177		13	Yes	280	14	289	1,109	2	56	5	38	\$ 430,900	\$ 59,700	\$ 24,500	\$ 11,911															
32	172	760	420	49	50	86	21		23	126		4		153	19	240	1,012	1	12	26	23	163,500	53,100		1,742															
14	199	500	240	21	6	39	6		9	98	22	8		104		88	132	2	46	17	21	303,600	30,000		10,719															
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT																																								
1	92	181	100	15				1	3	100			Yes							9	3	\$ 16,000	\$ 13,000	\$	\$ 2,000															
	5	49	28					2				Yes	25	1	13	20			6	1	10,000	5,000																		
	12	26	26					3	1			Yes	10			18			2	1	5,000	3,000																		
	18	92	48					4	3			Yes		3	27	485			3	3	21,900	7,800	350	313																
	15	65	41					5	1			Yes		1	8				1	6	2	3	16,000		79															
8	12	82	71	20	15	20	10	6	2			Yes	20	1	19	422		1	26	2	2	80,000	8,000		730															
	25	113	86	10				7	1			Yes	230	1	60	354		1	30	12	1	35,000	9,000		1,400															
	4	35	32					8	2	18		Yes	42	1	14	300				2	2	11,000	6,000																	
	17	37	24					9	2			Yes	18	1	4					1	2	10,000																		
	6	8	6					10	1			Yes								1	1	3,500																		
	17	122	60	10				11	1	55	10	4	Yes	25	1	37	200	1	25	49	1	55,000	8,000	800	35															
	13	44	28	22	14	15	9	12	2			Yes	17	1	5	17			5	2	2	2,500			11															
		19	10					13				Yes				53				1	1	3,200	3,500		75															
	5	64	46	18				14	2			Yes	4	2	12	44				2	2	19,200			70															
9	240	917	606	95	39	88	85	23	173	10	30	Yes	391	17	204	1,973		4	92	90	24	\$ 259,300	\$ 63,300	\$ 1,329	\$ 4,623															
11	172	887	706	89	86	77	55	23	241	57	10		197	13	221	1,350		5	108	60	25	230,500	54,500	1,100	6,145															
	68	30		6		11	30				20		194	4		623				30		28,800	8,800	229	1,522															
			100		47				68	47					17				1	16		1																		
RECAPITULATION																																								
								1																																
47	300	1,289	863	69	41	53	15		31	311	53	17	Yes	263	22	290	1,344	5	67	28	33	\$ 459,140	\$ 79,600	\$ 4,540	\$ 7,670															
47	395	1,745	1,189	221	201	202	62		37	546	118	43		362	20	453	1,394	8	148	49	36	882,640	103,034	2,335	16,859															
	95	456	326	152	160	149	47		6	235	65	26		99		163	50	3	81	21	3	423,500	23,434		9,189															
46	362	1,260	660	28	44	47	15		33	224		12	Yes	257	17	328	1,144	3	58	43	44																			