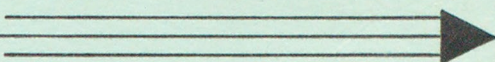


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Constitution of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the United States of America and Foreign Lands, Revised to September 5-11 1941

CONSTITUTIONAL DECLARATION

Whereas, It is the express purpose of God, our heavenly Father, to call out of the world a saved people, who shall constitute the body or church of Jesus Christ, built and established upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; and

Whereas, The members of the body, the church (ecclesia) of Jesus Christ, are enjoined to assemble themselves together for worship, fellowship, counsel and instruction in the Word of God and the work of the ministry and for the exercise of those spiritual gifts and offices provided for in the New Testament; and

Whereas, It is evident that the early apostolic churches came together in such fellowship as a representative body of saved, Spirit-filled believers, who ordained and sent out evangelists and missionaries, and who, under the supervision of the Holy Spirit, set over the church pastors and teachers; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize ourselves as a co-operative fellowship of Pentecostal, Spirit-baptized saints from local Pentecostal Assemblies of like precious faith throughout the United States and foreign lands, to be known as The General Council of the Assemblies of God, whose purpose is not to usurp authority over the various local assemblies, nor to deprive them of their Scriptural and local rights and privileges, but to recognize and promote Scriptural methods and order for worship, unity, fellowship, work and business for God; and to disapprove un-Scriptural methods, doctrines and conduct, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:13.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name shall be, The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

ARTICLE II. NATURE.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God is a co-operative fellowship based upon mutual agreements voluntarily entered into by its membership.

ARTICLE III. PREROGATIVES.

1. To approve all Scriptural teaching, methods and conduct; and to disapprove un-Scriptural teachings, methods and conduct.

2. To encourage and promote the evangelization of the world.

3. To provide a basis of fellowship among Christians of like precious faith.

4. To establish and maintain such departments and institutions as may be necessary for the propagation of the gospel and the work of this Pentecostal fellowship.

5. To have the right to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of, such property, real or chattel, as may be needed for the prosecution of its work.

ARTICLE IV. PRINCIPLES.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall represent as nearly as possible in detail, the body of Christ as described in the New Testament Scriptures, recognizing the principles inherent in that body as also inherent in this fellowship, particularly the principles of unity, co-operation and equality. Its purpose is to maintain conditions under which it can, as a fellowship, demonstrate these principles and their consequent development.

ARTICLE V.

STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS.

The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. Hence this Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended as a basis of fellowship among us (i. e., that we all speak the same thing. 1 Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:42). The human phraseology employed in such statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth is held to be essential to a full Gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all truth in the Bible, only that it covers our present needs as to these fundamental matters.

1. The Scriptures Inspired.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is

superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason.
2 Tim. 3:15, 16; 1 Peter 2:2.

2. The One True God.

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed "I AM"; and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association, i. e., as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isa. 43:10, 11; Matt. 28:19; Luke 3:22.

THE ADORABLE GODHEAD

(a) Terms Defined

The terms "Trinity" and "Persons," as related to the Godhead, while not found in the Scriptures, are words in harmony with Scripture, whereby we may convey to others our immediate understanding of the doctrine of Christ respecting the Being of God, as distinguished from "gods many and lords many." We, therefore, may speak with propriety of the Lord our God, who is One Lord, as a trinity or as one Being of three persons, and still be absolutely Scriptural (Examples, Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; John 14:16, 17).

(b) Distinction and Relationship in the Godhead

Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is **inscrutable and incomprehensible**, because **unexplained**. Luke 1:35; 1 Cor. 1:24; Matt. 11:25-27; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 John 1:3, 4.

(c) Unity of the One Being of Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Accordingly, therefore, there is **that** in the Son which constitutes Him **the Son** and not the Father; and there is **that** in the Holy Ghost which constitutes Him **the Holy Ghost** and not either the Father or the Son. Wherefore the Father is the Begetter, the Son is the Begotten; and the Holy Ghost is the one proceeding from the Father and the Son. Therefore, because these three persons in the Godhead are in a state of unity, there is but one Lord God Almighty and His name one. John 1:18; 15:26; 17:11, 21; Zech. 14:9.

(d) Identity and Co-operation in the Godhead

The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are never **identical** as to **Person**; nor **confused** as to **relation**; nor **divided** in respect to the Godhead; nor **opposed** as to **co-operation**. The Son is **in** the Father and the Father is **in** the Son as to relationship. The Son is **with** the Father and the Father is **with** the Son, as to fellowship. The Father is not **from** the Son, but the Son is **from** the Father, as to authority. The Holy Ghost is **from** the Father and the Son proceeding, as to nature, relationship, co-operation and authority. Hence, neither Person in the Godhead either exists or works separately or independently of the others. John 5:17-30, 32, 37.

(e) The Title, Lord Jesus Christ

The appellation, "Lord Jesus Christ," is a proper name. It is never applied, in the New Testament, either to the Father or to the Holy Ghost. It therefore belongs exclusively to the **Son of God**. Rom. 1:1-3, 7; 2 John 3.

(f) The Lord Jesus Christ, God with Us

The Lord Jesus Christ, as to His divine and eternal nature, is the proper and only Begotten of the Father, but as to His human nature, He is the proper Son of Man. He is, therefore, acknowledged to be both God and man; who, because He is God and man, is "Immanuel," God with us. Matt. 1:23; 1 John 4:2, 10, 14; Rev. 1:13, 17.

(g) The Title, Son of God

Since the name "Immanuel" embraces both God and man in the one Person, our Lord Jesus Christ, it follows that the title, Son of God, describes His proper deity, and the title, Son of Man, His proper humanity. Therefore, the title Son of God, belongs to the **order of eternity**,

and the title, Son of Man, to the order of time. Matt. 1:21-23; 2 John 3; 1 John 3:8; Heb. 7:3; 1:1-13.

(h) Transgression of the Doctrine of Christ

Wherefore, it is a transgression of the Doctrine of Christ to say that Jesus Christ derived the title, Son of God, solely from the fact of the incarnation, or because of His relation to the economy of redemption. Therefore, to deny that the Father is a real and eternal Father, and that the Son is a real and eternal Son, is a denial of the distinction and relationship in the Being of God; a denial of the Father and the Son; and a displacement of the truth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. 2 John 9; John 1:1-2, 14, 18, 29, 49; 8:57, 58; 1 John 2:22, 23; 4:1-5; Heb. 12:2.

(i) Exaltation of Jesus Christ as Lord

The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, having by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; angels and principalities and powers having been made subject unto Him. And, having been made both Lord and Christ, He sent the Holy Ghost that we, in the name of Jesus, might bow our knees and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father until the end, when the Son shall become subject to the Father that God may be all in all. Heb. 1:3; 1 Peter 3:22; Acts 2:32-36; Rom. 14:11; 1 Cor. 15:24-28.

(j) Equal Honor to the Father and to the Son

Wherefore, since the Father has delivered all judgment unto the Son, it is not only the express duty of all in heaven and on earth to bow the knee, but it is an unspeakable joy in the Holy Ghost to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of Deity, and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in all the names and titles of the Godhead (except those which express relationship. See paragraphs b, c, and d), and thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father. John 5:22, 23; 1 Peter 1:8; Rev. 5:6-14; Phil. 2:8, 9; Rev. 7:9, 10; 4:8-11.

3. Man, His Fall and Redemption.

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness." But man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. Gen. 1:26-31; 3:1-7; Rom. 5:12-21.

4. The Salvation of Man.

a. Conditions to Salvation.

The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, and being justified by grace through faith, he becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 2:11; Rom. 10:13-15; Luke 24:47; Titus 3:5-7.

b. The Evidences of Salvation.

The inward evidence, to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit. Rom. 8:16. The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness.

5. Baptism in Water.

The ordinance of Baptism by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures, by all who have

really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Saviour and Lord. In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their heart has already been sprinkled with the blood of Christ as an inner cleansing. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:47, 48; Rom. 6:4; Acts 20:21; Heb. 10:22.

6. The Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 1:4); a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Cor. 11:26); and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26); and is enjoined on all believers "until He comes."

7. The Promise of the Father.

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect, and earnestly seek, the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31. This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. Acts 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9.

8. The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

The Baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance. Acts 2:4. The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28) but different in purpose and use.

9. Entire Sanctification.

The Scriptures teach a life of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Entire sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God's Word. Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 1 Thess. 5:23, 24; 1 John 2:6.

10. The Church.

The Church is the body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfill-

ment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the First-born, which are written in heaven. Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:22; Heb. 12:23.

11. The Ministry and Evangelism.

A divinely called and Scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a twofold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edifying of the Body of Christ. Mark 16:15-20; Eph. 4:11-13.

12. Divine Healing.

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. Isa. 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17.

13. The Blessed Hope.

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church. 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Rom. 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52.

14. The Millennial Reign of Jesus.

The revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven, the salvation of national Israel, and the millennial reign of Christ on the earth is the Scriptural promise and the world's hope. 2 Thess. 1:7; Rev. 19:11-14; Rom. 11:26, 27; Rev. 20:1-7.

15. The Lake of Fire.

The devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, and whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, shall be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15.

16. The New Heavens and New Earth.

We "according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21, 22.

ARTICLE VI. RELATIONSHIPS.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall prosecute its activities through its General and District Councils.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the General Council shall consist of all ordained ministers, and missionaries under appointment for foreign service, holding accredited fellowship certificates, and such representatives as may be chosen by the assemblies

affiliated with us, each assembly being entitled to one lay delegate.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS.

1. Regular sessions of the General Council shall be held biennially, pursuant to a call by the Executive Presbytery.

2. Special sessions of the General Council may be arranged by the Executive Presbytery if agreed by a majority of the General Presbyters.

3. The right of initiative in the matter of calling of special sessions shall be granted to any ordained minister of The General Council of the Assemblies of God when occasion demands. A statement setting forth the reasons for a special session of the Council, signed by not less than fifteen ordained ministers, may be considered sufficient reason for the call of a special session, such statement to be filed with the Executive Presbytery, who may, if it shall be deemed advisable, respond to the summons and issue the call for a special session.

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS.

1. Executive Officers.

The officers shall consist of the General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent, and General Secretary, together with such other officers as may be required in the future. Their term of office shall be for two years and shall begin three months after the date of election.

2. Executive Presbytery.

The Executive Presbytery shall consist of the General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent, and General Secretary, together with six other brethren to be chosen from the active fellowship, six of these brethren to be resident and three to be non-resident at headquarters.

3. General Presbytery.

The General Presbytery shall be composed of representative men of mature experience and ability whose lives and ministry are above reproach, who shall represent the fellowship in all phases of its work and interest in their respective fields. Each District shall have the privilege of representation in the General Presbytery by three members, the District Superintendent together with two others who shall be elected annually at its District Council meeting and who shall take office immediately subject to the approval of the Executive Presbytery.

(Upon the approval of the General Presbytery, honorary members may be chosen by the General Council from among

those ministers who for years have been highly esteemed among us as General Presbyters, and yet who, because of age or infirmity can no longer assume the full burden of the office. The addition of such honorary members shall not disturb the regular number of Presbyters granted each District.)

ARTICLE X. DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Membership of the District Council shall consist of all ordained and licensed ministers of the district, and such delegates as may be elected by assemblies to represent them in the meetings of the District Council. Such delegates shall be elected according to an agreed upon basis of representation, arranged by the Council.

The District Council shall have supervision over all the activities of the Assemblies of God in its prescribed field, except such as are agreed upon by a District Council and the General Council officials.

The District Council shall have authority to examine and to license and *ordain ministers who are to become members* thereof, and shall report to the office of the General Council the names of all approved licentiates.

The District Council, *being the creature of the General Council and subordinate thereto*, cannot be authorized, in any way, to violate the principles of the General Council constitutional agreements or its bylaws.

The District Council shall elect its own officers, and arrange for its own meetings. It shall be amenable to the General Council in matters of doctrine, and the personal conduct of all ministers who are permitted to have the District endorsement.

ARTICLE XI. LOCAL ASSEMBLIES.

All true Pentecostal believers associating themselves in local bodies as assemblies, and accepting their full personal share of responsibility for the maintenance of Scriptural order in the local body, shall have a standard for membership which may be determined either by the local assembly itself, or by agreement with the District Council.

Local assemblies shall be set in order and co-operate in the work of the District. They should support the District organization and may send delegates to the District and General Councils.

We recognize that each local assembly has the right of self-government under Jesus Christ, its living Head, and shall have the power to choose, or call its pastor, elect

its official board, and transact all other business pertaining to its life as a local unit. It shall have the right to administer discipline to its members according to the Scriptures and its Bylaws. It shall have the right to acquire and hold title to property in its own right, either through trustees or in its corporate name as a self-governing unit.

The fact that a local assembly is affiliated in the association of the District or General Council shall in nowise destroy its rights as above stated or interfere with its sovereignty. The local assembly shall recognize that the District or General Council has the right to approve Scriptural doctrine and conduct and to disapprove un-Scriptural doctrine or conduct. When in need of counsel or advice, the local assembly may appeal to the District Council for help. It may appeal from a decision by the District Council to the General Council where it may be questioned whether or not there has been proper help from the District.

Local assemblies are expected to have an interest in the missionary enterprise, and to plan for regular contributions to its support.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regular meeting of the General Council, provided the proposed amendments shall have been submitted in writing to every District for their consideration prior to the General Council meeting. Amendments to the Constitution shall require a two-thirds majority vote of all members present for adoption.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I. PARLIAMENTARY ORDER.

In order to expedite the work of the Council and to avoid confusion in its deliberations, the Council shall be governed by accepted rules of parliamentary procedure, in keeping with the spirit of Christian love and fellowship.

ARTICLE II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. Officers.

The officers of the General Council except as hereinafter provided shall be elected at one of its regular meetings, according to the manner of election as provided. They shall be chosen from the membership of the General Council, and shall be men of mature experience and ability, whose life and ministry are above question, and such qualities alone shall determine their eligibility.

Section 2. Nomination and Election.

a. All candidates for office of General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent, and General Secretary shall be nominated by secret ballot. A two-thirds vote of all votes cast shall be necessary to constitute an election. If no election has been declared after the third ballot has been cast, the three candidates having the highest number of votes in the last ballot cast shall be nominees to be further voted upon, and all other names shall be eliminated.

b. Election of General Presbyters shall take place annually at the District Council meeting.

c. The General Presbytery shall have the right to elect resident officers at headquarters to serve on the Executive Presbytery as provided for in Article IX, Section 2, of the Constitution. The non-resident members of the Executive Presbytery shall be nominated from the floor and shall be elected by a two-thirds vote in the same manner as provided for the presiding officers of the General Council.

d. The Treasurer and Missionary Secretary of the General Council, Editor of the Pentecostal Evangel, President and Principal of Central Bible Institute, and other departmental heads shall be chosen by the General Presbytery. They shall be subordinate to the Executive Presbytery and amenable thereto for the proper discharge of their duties.

Section 3. Vacancies.

a. In the event any of the executive offices of the General Council shall become vacant through death or other cause, the Executive Presbytery shall fill such office by appointment until the next meeting of the General Council (except the office of the General Superintendent, which office will be filled automatically by the Assistant General Superintendent).

b. In the event a General Presbyter shall move to another District or shall vacate his office for any other reason, the Presbytery of the District Council shall appoint one to serve as General Presbyter until that office is regularly filled at the next election.

Section 4. Voting Constituency.

The voting constituency shall consist of all accredited members, present and registered. Voting privileges may also be extended to accredited licentiates who may be in attendance, at the discretion of the General Council.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

Section I. Duties of the General Superintendent.

a. To preside at the meetings of the Council.

b. To be the head of the General Office, and to supervise all the work of that office during the interim between sessions of the General Council. To act as President of the Corporation in all legal matters.

c. To preside at all meetings of the Credentials Committee, and to sign all credentials.

d. To preside at all sessions of the Executive Presbytery, and to receive all communications directed to that body.

e. To be general superintendent of all work on the field conducted in behalf of the fellowship, and to encourage Bible and Missionary Conventions throughout the country.

f. To administer discipline in all cases when requested to do so by the Credentials Committee.

g. To perform any other functions usual and customary as presiding officer or such as may be directed by the General Council or by the Executive Presbytery.

Section 2. Duties of the Assistant General Superintendent.

a. To assist the General Superintendent.

b. To preside at meetings in the absence of the General Superintendent.

c. To assist the General Superintendent in the general superintendence of the work on the field conducted in behalf of the General Council and its work, and to encourage Bible and Missionary Conventions throughout the country.

d. Finally, to perform any other functions under the supervision of the General Superintendent, or such as may be directed by this Council or by the Executive Presbytery.

Section 3. Duties of the General Secretary.

a. The General Secretary shall make and keep true records of the proceedings of the General Council and shall publish the same as approved and directed by the Executive Presbytery.

b. He shall be custodian of the official seal of the Council and shall issue Credentials under the direction of the Credentials Committee and shall keep a record of all ministers, licentiates and assemblies in the fellowship.

c. He shall act as Secretary of the Executive Presbytery and the General Presbytery, and shall keep accurate minutes of the deliberations of these bodies.

d. He shall be authorized to sign all official and legal documents and to perform such other functions as are customary or as may be directed by the General Council or the Executive Presbytery.

e. He shall act as Secretary of the Credentials Committee

and shall be considered as ex officio member of all other committees.

Section 4. Duties of the Missionary Secretary.

a. To act as head of the Missions Department under the supervision of the Missionary Committee.

b. To keep a record of all decisions of the Missionary Committee and of all official acts of the Missions Department.

c. To conduct all correspondence with prospective Missionaries and with those already out on the field.

d. To conduct the Missionary columns in the Pentecostal Evangel from Missionary letters and reports.

e. To represent the General Council in all relationships with governments or authorities where our Missionary work is involved.

f. To direct the Missionary activities of the fellowship under the supervision of the Missionary Committee.

g. To distribute all Missionary funds as directed by the donors or by the Missionary Committee.

h. To keep such records of all funds received and disbursed as will safeguard the funds from loss en route to the field.

i. To acknowledge in the Pentecostal Evangel all funds received for Missionary work.

j. To conduct all correspondence.

k. To act as purchasing agent for Missionary supplies under the supervision of the Missionary Committee.

l. To perform such other functions as may be directed by the Missionary Committee.

Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer.

a. To be custodian of all General Council funds.

b. He shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements, conducting the work of his office according to accepted business methods.

c. He shall give a report from time to time as may be requested by the General Council or the Executive Presbytery.

d. He shall give bond to the amount of \$10,000. The Treasurer's books shall be audited by outside public audit once a year.

e. He shall perform such other functions as are customary to his office or as may be directed by the Council or the Executive Presbytery.

Section 6. Duties of the Executive Presbytery.

a. The Executive Presbytery shall act as trustees of the General Council. It shall be empowered to supervise and have

general oversight of all departments; to acquire such properties as may be needed for the work of the General Council, or to dispose of the same when no longer needed; to hold in trust such funds as may be committed to it as trustee, and to dispose of the same in accordance with the wishes of the donor. It shall be authorized to issue annuity bonds and to protect the same by judicious investments. It shall be authorized to purchase or to dispose of securities as need requires in an effort to strengthen the financial position of the General Council fellowship. It shall be authorized to act for the fellowship in all matters that affect its interests while the General Council is not in session, and shall make a report to the General Council of its activities in behalf of the fellowship as may be directed. It shall provide for its own meetings and its decisions shall be final, subject to the approval of the General Council.

b. In all matters of great importance, the Executive Presbytery shall communicate with the members of the General Presbytery before any final action shall be taken.

c. The Executive Presbytery shall be empowered to arrange for and announce the meetings of the General Council, with consideration for the interests of the fellowship as a whole. The decision of time and place for such meetings shall rest in its hands.

d. The Executive Presbytery shall also at its discretion call annual business meetings of the General Presbytery when deemed advisable.

Section 7. Duties of the General Presbytery.

a. The General Presbytery shall be empowered to act in all matters pertaining to foreign missionary and ministerial relationships, and all matters which pertain to the proper functioning of the departments and institutions in the fellowship. It shall constitute an advisory body to the Executive Presbytery. All decisions pertaining to constitutional order or fundamental doctrines shall be referred by it to the General Council for ratification in the manner provided in the General Council Constitution.

b. The General Presbytery shall also act as a Court of Appeal for the reviewing of testimony given in missionary and ministerial trials. Its decisions shall be final.

ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Standing Committees.

Standing committees shall be established or appointed as necessity may indicate. They shall be appointed by the

General Superintendent in co-operation with the Executive Presbytery, and the term of office shall continue from the date of appointment to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Council, unless otherwise instructed by the Council.

Section 2. Credentials Committee.

Such members of the Executive Presbytery as may reside at headquarters shall constitute a Credentials Committee. They shall have authority to issue certificates of ordination to approved ministers, who have District Council endorsement, and to issue annual fellowship certificates.

Section 3. Roster Committee.

A Roster Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Presbytery prior to each meeting of the General Council. This Committee shall be expected to open the Roster on the morning of the day preceding the convening of the General Council. It shall be entrusted with responsibility of examining all credentials and recognition of all delegates. Ordained ministers shall identify themselves by fellowship certificates of the current year; delegates from assemblies shall obtain letters from their church secretary or pastor certifying to their appointment by the assembly to represent it in the General Council. Suitable badges shall be issued by the Committee to all qualified delegates and ministers, such badges to indicate the classification of ordained ministers, foreign missionaries, District licentiates, lay delegates from assemblies, visitors, etc.

The Roster shall be open for enrollment during the entire meeting of the General Council, and the Roster Committee shall render such reports as may be called for by the action of the Council.

Section 4. Special Committees.

Special committees may be created at the General Council in session, or by the Executive Presbytery between sessions as may be required to facilitate its work.

ARTICLE V. DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES.

In the event that Districts fail to reach an agreement relative to boundary lines, the Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall be authorized to set such lines, and said Executive Presbytery shall be empowered to create new Districts when and where deemed advisable, it being understood that the brethren who may be occupying such territory as new Districts are to be formed in, be consulted and their wishes given due consideration.

ARTICLE VI. MINISTRY.

Section 1. Ministry Described.

Elders who are persons of mature experience and qualifications, able to undertake the responsibilities of the full-gospel ministry.

Licentiates who are beginners; who give evidence of being called of God; and who devote themselves to a purpose to become elders. 1 Tim. 3:10-13.

Women may be ordained in any degree except eldership and be licensed to preach as provided for men.

Section 2. Qualifications.

Qualifications for recognition as an elder must be in accord with the New Testament scriptures, which provide the necessary guidance in the matter of such recognition. 1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-9.

Qualifications for licentiates shall be:

First: Clear evidences of a divine call; a practical experience in preaching; together with an evident purpose to devote their time to preaching the gospel.

Second: Conformity to such provisions as are made for them by the General Council in reading courses and other training.

Section 3. License to Preach.

Licenses to preach shall be granted by the District Council to properly qualified applicants.

Section 4. Ordinations.

a. Requirements.—Applicants for ordination who shall have met the necessary requirements shall appear before the District Council within the boundaries of which they reside. All ordinations shall take place under the auspices of the District Council. No minister shall be ordained to the office of an elder until he shall have held a license to preach and shall have been engaged in the active work of the ministry as a pastor or evangelist at least two full consecutive years.

b. Ordination of Women.—The Scriptures plainly teach that while there is a difference between the ministry of men and of women in the church, that divinely called and qualified women may also serve the church in the ministry of the Word. Women who may have demonstrated a distinct ministry of evangelism and who have met the requirements of District Councils may be licensed to preach the Word. Matured women of not less than twenty-five years of age who have developed in the ministry of the Word so that their ministry is acceptable generally and who have proved their qualifications in

actual service and who have met all the requirements of the Credentials Committees of the District Councils may be ordained to the ministry of the gospel and may serve either as evangelists or as pastors as their qualifications warrant. The right to administer the ordinances of the church, when such acts are necessary, shall be included in the ordination.

Section 5. Exceptions.

a. It is recommended that our District Councils refrain from ordaining to the ministry any preacher who may have been licensed in another District until such licentiate shall have resided in the District in which he is seeking ordination at least one year and shall have met the requirements of the District granting him a license, and until endorsement be secured from the officary of the District in which the candidate was previously licensed.

b. Since divorced and remarried persons in the ministry usually cause stumbling, reproach and division, whatever may have been the cause of divorce, we disapprove of District Councils ordaining or licensing to the gospel ministry those who have remarried and are now living in a state of matrimony while former companions are living. Ezek. 44:22.

Section 6. Certificates.

Ordination papers with the accompanying fellowship certificates shall be issued by the General Council Credentials Committee from the Executive office.

Fellowship Certificates are renewable annually and are valid only until September 1 of each year.

Section 7. Expiration of Fellowship Certificates.

Inasmuch as all fellowship certificates expire on the 31st day of August of each year, all who shall have failed to renew their fellowship certificates on or before October 1st, or who shall have failed to indicate their purpose to do so, shall be considered as delinquents whose names shall not appear on the ministerial list to be mailed to the clergy bureaus.

Section 8. Official List.

a. An official list of all ordained ministers shall be compiled by the Credentials Committee of the General Council and published for the convenience of all concerned. The list shall show whether or not each minister is giving full time to his or her ministry. This official list shall be revised annually, and shall include only the names of those ministers to whom certificates of fellowship have been issued for the current year.

b. All ministers who shall withdraw from active ministry

and who cease to engage in either pastoral or evangelistic work for a period of one year or more shall be expected to notify the office of the General Secretary, who shall be authorized to remove the name of the minister from the list of active ministers and to place it upon an inactive list. Should the minister at any time return to an active ministry in either pastoral or evangelistic service, his or her name can be restored to the active list upon a simple application for reinstatement, bearing the endorsement of the District Officer.

Section 9. Ministerial Relation.

All ministers, both ordained and licensed, shall be amenable to both the District and General Councils in matters of doctrine and conduct.

All ministers, ordained and licensed, shall be expected to affiliate with the District Council within the boundaries of which they reside, and to work in co-operation with the same. They shall be expected to co-operate with other District Councils in which they may labor temporarily.

Section 10. Certificate of Transfer.

A certificate of transfer shall be issued by the District Council for all ministers who are leaving their home District to locate permanently in another district.

Section 11. Affiliating with Other Organizations.

When any of our ministers shall identify themselves with other organizations granting ministerial credentials and shall have received such credentials, we shall regard their affiliation with this body as having ceased, and they shall be requested to return to headquarters the credentials issued by our Executive Office.

Section 12. Withdrawal and Reinstatement of Ministers.

a. In the event of the announced desire of a minister to withdraw from our fellowship, before action shall have been taken in the matter by the Credentials Committee or the Executive Presbyters, due investigation shall be made as to the standing of this minister in the District of his affiliation. In case the evidence gathered shall warrant action then the minister shall be advised of the finding of the Credentials Committee, and shall be dropped from the fellowship. In the event the minister asks for a trial, the regular provisions made for trials shall be adhered to in the disposing of the case, and upon conviction, his name shall be published as "dropped" instead of "withdrawn." All information pertaining

to the minister, so gathered, shall be preserved in the office of the General Council Credentials Committee for future reference.

b. When a minister connected with our fellowship shall have been dropped from our rolls or shall have ceased to be connected with us by virtue of having become identified with another organization, or for any other cause, and shall apply to be reinstated, he shall in no case be eligible for reinstatement until at least six months shall have elapsed after he has been removed from our list of ministers. The Credentials Committee of the General Council may also hold the matter in abeyance until the next session of the General Council in order that the General Presbytery may have the opportunity to review the case, in which event the matter of reinstatement of such minister shall be left entirely with that body.

c. Applications for reinstatement may be made through the District Council within which territory his residence may be found, but the application will be considered subject to the approval of the District in which the former action was taken.

Section 13. Discipline of Members.

Occasions sometimes arise which make it necessary to deal with ministers who are affiliated with us who for some reason seem to have reached the place where, in the estimation of the brethren, endorsement can no longer be given. It is obvious that the Credentials Committees which have the authority to ordain ministers and to recommend them to the headquarters office for credentials also have the right to withdraw their approval and to recommend that the headquarters office recall the credentials. General inefficiency in the ministry, a failure or inability to correctly represent our Pentecostal testimony, a record of assembly breaking instead of making, a contentious, non-cooperative spirit, a declared open change in doctrinal views, a habit of running into debt which brings reproach upon the cause, a marriage in opposition to our constitutional stand on marriage and divorce, etc., may give cause for the action of the Credentials Committee.

Both the officary of the District Council and the Credentials Committee of the General Council shall be recognized as having the right of initiative in this matter. If, after repeated counsel and warnings, there has been no change of character or attitude on the part of the minister, the officary of the District Council may recommend to the Credentials

Committee of the General Council that fellowship be withheld, or that his fellowship certificate be not renewed, or that his name be dropped from the official list of ministers of the General Council.

Such recommendation shall set forth in writing satisfactory reasons for the action, and a copy of the recommendation shall be placed in the hands of the minister involved. If in the judgment of the Credentials Committee, the District officer was justified in the action taken, they shall be authorized to comply with the request of the District.

The right of initiative may be exercised by the Credentials Committee of the General Council in the event that complaints against a minister shall be filed with the committee affecting the character or conduct of the minister. Such complaints shall be referred to the District officer for investigation and such action as the revealed facts may warrant.

Section 14. Performing Marriage Ceremonies (Divorced Persons).

We disapprove of any General Council minister performing a marriage ceremony for any who have been divorced and whose former companion is still living. We also warn that any minister of our fellowship who performs such a ceremony, unless he is innocently deceived into doing the same, may be dismissed from the Council.

Section 15. Violations of Ministerial Courtesy.

All discourteous conduct is disapproved, and all ministers are advised against interfering with pastors in charge of assemblies, whether it be by going in upon their work without consent or by such correspondence with members of the assembly as will hurt the influence of the leader. All correspondence which concerns the whole assembly, shall be addressed to the one in charge and not to private members. Where there is no pastor, letters concerning the work shall be addressed to the officers of an assembly.

Any minister who so offends shall be subjected to Scriptural treatment as an offender by the District Council, or if there be none, by the Executive Presbytery of the General Council. Such discourtesy will seriously affect the granting of annual Fellowship Certificates and may be the basis of their recall.

Section 16. Ministry in Non-Council Assemblies.

Inasmuch as unity is a vital principle of the church, the condition of growth and spiritual development and power in

the apostolic body, it is essential that we recognize our vital relationship to each other, and that we practice Christian co-operation in all our pastoral, evangelistic, missionary, and local church work and business. Therefore we recommend that our evangelists and pastors consult with our Council officials before putting on a campaign with a non-Council assembly in any given city, so as to ascertain whether or not such non-Council assembly is approved as to doctrinal standards and co-operative fellowship with Council assemblies, and if not approved by the District officials, they shall be expected to not hold a campaign for them. Ministers who violate this principle shall be considered as having opened the door for censor or charge which may necessitate the recall of their credentials.

Section 17. Attitude Toward Those Removed from Council Fellowship.

Whereas, in our Constitutional Declaration we have included this prerogative, "To disapprove un-Scriptural methods, doctrine, and conduct," and have provided adequate safeguards in the By-Laws by arranging for appeals from local and District decisions, thus guaranteeing fair and impartial consideration of all matters affecting standing, and fellowship; therefore, in order to render effective decisions made in the interest of proper discipline among the ministry and for the protection of our assemblies,

It is important that decisions arrived at after investigation and consideration of all facts by those qualified to act in such cases according to our co-operative agreements shall be by all considered just and final and that all ordained and licensed preachers refrain from taking any attitude toward such offenders that would tend to nullify or set at naught the solemn verdict of the brethren entrusted with this responsibility.

In the event of a violation of this agreement the offender shall be subject to reprimand, or such other discipline as shall be agreed upon by the officary of the District with which he is affiliated. In the event that the agreement shall be violated outside of his District the officary of the District in which the offense is committed may communicate with the Secretary at headquarters, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the offending brother that a repetition of the offense will seriously affect his standing as a Council minister, and, if persisted in, may result in his suspension or severance from our fellowship.

Section 18. Trials and Appeals.

Both the officary of the District Council and the Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall be recognized as having the right of initiative in the trial of members. Trials shall be granted for willful violation of Council principles, wrong doctrine, or misconduct.

a. Reports or Rumors of Misconduct.

It shall be the duty of the District Officiary to investigate any report of misconduct on the part of a minister or missionary to determine its importance to the Council fellowship. Effort shall be made to determine the source of the report or rumor and the persons involved shall be interviewed with a view to arriving at the facts in the case and ascertaining the reasons underlying the persistence of the report.

b. Charges.

In case the report of misconduct appears to have foundation in fact and cannot be dealt with privately to the satisfaction of all concerned, the District Officiary shall arrange to have charges preferred by the original complainants, such charges to be made in writing and to describe fully every phase of the alleged misconduct. The charges shall be made in triplicate, one copy to be given the person whose conduct is under question, one copy to be retained by the District Superintendent, and one copy forwarded to the General Council Credentials Committee at headquarters. If the alleged offense shall occur in any District other than the one in which the minister under question is a member, a copy of the charges shall also be filed with the Superintendent of the home District.

All charges made against a minister or missionary shall be signed by the person or persons making such charges of misconduct, provided, however, that when the District Officiary feel such should be made and no one appears to sign them, the members of the District Officiary making the investigation may prefer charges based upon the reports in their possession.

c. Preliminary Hearing.

The party whose character or ministry is in question shall have the right to a preliminary hearing before the District Officiary, and the result of such hearing shall determine whether or not the case should go to trial. No minister or missionary shall be adjudged guilty of misconduct upon the grounds of an unproven report or charge, but shall have the right to a fair and impartial trial before a tribunal made up

of his or her brethren in the District, such trial to be conducted as hereinafter provided.

d. Notice of Trial.

Preceding the trial of any member of the General Council, good and sufficient notice shall be given the accused and sufficient time allowed to make all necessary arrangements for the trial. Such notice of trial shall be accompanied by the copy of charges in writing signed by the complaining parties or by the District Officer as provided above. Such notice and charges shall be forwarded by the District Officer only, and the minister shall be recognized as suspended and required to surrender his current fellowship certificate to be retained by the District Officer until the case has been tried and judgment has been rendered.

The time and place for the trial shall be determined by the District Officer, the convenience of the various participants to be fully considered in connection therewith. Trials shall be held at a place convenient to the location where the facts in the case are available. In case the alleged offense occurs in a District to which the member does not belong, right of trial may be granted the District in which the alleged offense occurred, and shall be considered as providing the accused such rights and privileges as provided by the General Council.

No hearing shall be reported as a trial unless the accused be present and be allowed all rights and privileges granted by the General Council constitution; provided, however, an accused member may be disciplined as guilty of charges preferred, if he or she refuses to appear for trial, or proof is made that there has been on the part of the accused willful neglect to take advantage of his or her rights and privileges of trial in the case.

e. The Trial.

No one known to be prejudiced toward the case shall be considered qualified to serve as judge. He may be the District Superintendent or an Executive or General Presbyter. The jury shall be chosen by the presiding officer subject to agreement by both the District officer and the defendant. The jury shall be composed of not less than six or more than ten ordained ministers.

An ordained minister resident in the District in good standing in the General Council shall be chosen by the District Officer to conduct the case for the District. The accused may conduct his or her own case, or may have the assistance of another ordained minister of good standing in

his or her District who shall be recognized as counsel for the defense and shall be allowed to act within the limits of such capacity.

f. Report of Trial.

Provision shall be made by the District Officer for making a stenographic record of the trial, and the accused may have an assistant to keep a record for the convenience of the defense. The record made by the District's stenographer shall be the official record and shall be kept on file in the District office for future reference. A certified copy of all such records shall be forwarded to the General Council Credentials Committee at headquarters and become a part of the records of the Executive office.

Trials shall be conducted in all fairness to all concerned, as becometh brethren in the ministry. No discourtesy to any one is to be allowed. Counsel in the case must conduct the trial subject to the rulings of the presiding officer. When objections to such rulings are made, they may be written into the record, but the ruling shall stand for the trial.

g. Witnesses.

Witnesses shall be free to testify under the direction of counsel without interruption by others. Witnesses shall not be required to answer questions asked by others than the one presiding or the counsel who is at the time conducting the inquiry.

No undue influence or unfair means shall be allowed to affect the testimony of witnesses. Opportunity for cross-examination of witnesses shall be given as the case proceeds.

Accusation does not imply guilt, but may imply a misunderstanding or wrong information. It is, therefore, agreed that the purpose of the trial of a member of the Council is to arrive at all available facts relative to the case rather than the conviction of the accused.

h. Order of Trial.

The plaintiff side of the case, including all testimony intended to prove the charges made against the accused, shall be presented first. No testimony except such as refers to some part of the charges or has a helpful bearing on the case, shall be allowed.

Depositions taken by authorized persons may be used in place of personal testimony and shall become a part of the record of the trial. Such depositions must be signed by the witness and attested before two ordained ministers in good standing in the General Council.

i. The Defense.

The defense shall be allowed time and opportunity to present its side of the case and shall be granted all due respect and sympathy.

Defense testimony should be confined to disproving the charges and must not include countercharges against any, or offer the attitude or conduct of others as reason of excuse for the reported misconduct.

Reasonable opportunity shall be given for testimony as to the character of the accused, but such testimony shall not be accepted as proof that the charges upon which the trial is based are untrue.

When the defense has rested, the case may be reviewed by counsel for both sides and testimony in rebuttal shall be allowed if deemed relevant by the one presiding.

Judgment in the case shall be rendered solely in accord with the testimony. The case shall be given to the group called to act as a jury with proper instructions by the one presiding over the trial. Such instruction shall be confined to setting forth the true basis of judgment in the case as represented by the evidence and shall in no wise seek to prejudice the jury. The verdict shall be reached by a two-thirds vote, and when rendered by the jury shall conclude the trial.

All trials shall be conducted within the District to which the minister belongs or in the District where the alleged offense occurred. In the case of missionaries, where there is no District Council, trial shall be arranged and conducted as authorized by the Missions Department.

j. Appeals.

Appeals from the decision of a District in matters affecting a member's standing in the Council fellowship as a result of trial may be made only upon the ground of mistrial, that is, error in either arrangement for trial or method of conducting the same. Appeal shall be made to the Executive Presbytery at headquarters and notice of such appeal shall be made in writing addressed to the General Superintendent. A copy of the notice of appeal shall be given the District Superintendent, and such notice shall be given and appeal made within thirty days after the termination of the District trial.

k. Cases Appealed.

Appeal from the District trial cannot result in a retrial at headquarters. It shall be the duty of the Executive Pres-

bytery to review the case, carefully examining the official record of trial furnished by the District. In case the Executive Presbytery shall find sufficient error in arranging for or conducting the trial in the District, it shall be the right of that body to which the appeal has been made to reverse the decision or the case may be referred back to the District, accompanied by findings of the Executive Presbytery, with instructions to the District Officiary outlining proper procedure, and the case shall be retried in the District.

When exceptions are taken to the decisions of the Executive Presbyter, either by the accused member or by the District Officiary, appeal may be taken to the General Presbytery, procedure in such cases to conform to that in making appeal from the District trial to the Executive Presbytery.

Decisions of the General Presbytery in such cases shall be based upon the records of trial and review of the Executive Presbytery. No person or persons shall have the right to introduce testimony or new evidence at a review of a tried case. All such evidence or testimony must be presented in retrials by the District.

1. New Trial.

In the event that after final decision has been rendered, new evidence is presented to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council which in their judgment is sufficient to warrant a new trial, such new trial shall be authorized.

ARTICLE VII. MINISTERS' BENEVOLENT FUND.

Section 1. Applications for Assistance.

a. The Ministers' Benevolent Fund shall be available for needy ministers or their widows who have engaged in an active and approved ministry in the General Council fellowship for a period of ten or more years.

b. Applications for assistance will be considered only when the record of the applicant indicates that he or she has complied with the agreed upon financial plan of the District and the General Council.

c. All applications for assistance shall be made to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council, and must be accompanied by the endorsement of the District officary.

d. The Executive Presbytery of the General Council shall receive all recommendations for assistance from District Councils, and shall investigate and approve all applications. They shall fix the monthly or other amounts of assistance, the length of time assistance may continue, etc., in con-

sideration of the applicants' needs and the amount which may be justifiably available for such distribution.

Section 2. Plan for Creating Fund.

The following plans for obtaining the necessary moneys to sustain the Ministers' Benevolent Fund shall be followed:

a. Each Assembly in our fellowship is requested to take up an assembly freewill offering twice each year, advisedly during May and November, if suitable and convenient to the local assembly. If these months may not be convenient, others more convenient may be substituted.

b. Each Council minister is also requested to send in to headquarters his own freewill offering for his needy fellow ministers twice each year at the times stated for assemblies.

c. Our entire Council fellowship and constituency is urged upon any fitting occasion and through the columns of our publications to interest kind friends in making special gifts and endowments to this fund.

ARTICLE VIII. ASSEMBLIES.

Section 1. Membership Certificates.

The General Council office shall issue a membership certificate of proper proportions and script for framing to all churches coming into the fellowship.

Churches already affiliated may also secure such certificate.

Section 2. Government of U. S. A. Requirements.

Whereas, the government of the U. S. A. requires of headquarters a report periodically of the number of lay members of our assemblies, it is important that each assembly of our General Council fellowship keep an up-to-date record of its membership and that a record of same be sent annually to the office of the General Council Secretary.

Section 3. Safeguarding the Assemblies.

It is known that many unreliable and unsafe teachers and preachers go about seeking entrance into assemblies without any recommendation, therefore all pastors, workers and leaders of assemblies should make proper investigation regarding such not known to them, and the platform be denied strangers until proper recommendations be forthcoming.

The advice and counsel of the District Presbytery should be sought in such cases, and in all matters of importance when at all possible. Pastors and Presbyters should notify each other, reciprocally, as to such persons when any unreliability becomes manifest.

ARTICLE IX. FOREIGN MISSIONS POLICY.

Section 1. Missionary Purpose.

a. The Assemblies of God shall assume responsibility, and do all within its power for the spread of the Gospel in foreign lands.

b. The Pauline example shall be followed as far as possible by seeking out neglected regions where the Gospel has not been preached, as well as by establishing self-supporting, self-governing, self-propagating native churches.

c. In fields where Pentecostal missionaries are already stationed, consultation shall be had with the brethren on the field and the Missions Department, and a satisfactory plan agreed upon before an attempt shall be made to establish new stations in such localities.

d. Every assembly shall be encouraged to assume definite responsibility for full or partial support of one or more missionaries in co-operation with the Foreign Missions Department.

Section 2. Missions Department.

a. The Missions Department shall consist of the Missionary Secretary and four others, appointed by the Superintendent subject to the approval of the General Presbytery, who together shall comprise the Missionary Committee. All the activities of the Missions Department shall be carried on under the supervision of the Executive Presbytery to which the Missions Department shall be amenable.

b. All the Missionary interests of our fellowship shall be consigned to the management of the Missions Department in co-operation with the District Council on the field.

Section 3. Support of Missions Department.

The Missionary Secretary shall from time to time prepare and send to each pastor information setting forth the financial needs of the Missions Department that the efficient administration of the Department be not hindered through lack of funds. It is also requested that each pastor enlighten his assembly concerning the need of supporting the Missions Department, and an offering toward upkeep of this Department is recommended when sending missionary offerings.

Section 4. Missionary Candidates.

a. The selection and appointment of missionaries shall be the prerogative of the Missionary Committee.

b. The Missionary Committee shall be governed in its selection and appointment of missionaries by the following requirements. Each applicant shall be examined—

- (1) As to personal experience of full New Testament salvation.
- (2) As to a definite call to foreign work.
- (3) As to physical, mental and spiritual fitness for work.
- (4) As to Christian standing and general qualifications, it being required that each applicant seeking appointment first secure the endorsement of his local assembly and District Council.
- (5) Young men shall not be granted missionary appointment until they have first qualified for ordination in the homeland, and lady candidates shall prove their ministry and stability of character by a similar probationary period of service in the homeland.

c. Prospective missionaries shall be expected to exercise faith in God to provide their outfit and fare to the field as far as practicable. However, the fitness of the candidate for foreign service will influence the decision of the committee more than the amount of funds pledged toward the applicant's support.

d. Funds provided for prospective missionaries who shall for any reason be prevented from going to the field shall be remitted to their respective donors unless by the consent of said donors they can be made available for other missionaries or missionary purposes.

e. All persons making application for appointment as missionaries shall be expected to meet the requirements of the Missions Department.

f. The Missions Department shall confine its missionary activities within the limits of its resources and shall not accept and send out missionaries until the condition of its finances fully warrant such action.

g. Each missionary shall be expected to devote two full years to language study, if necessary, before taking up his full active work. Courses of study with examinations shall be arranged by an advisory committee on each field. Failure on the part of any missionary to obtain a working knowledge of the language during his first term shall furnish ample ground upon which to question his fitness for a second term.

Section 5. Support of Missionaries.

a. The undesignated funds sent to the Foreign Missions Department shall be distributed to those who have received the appointment of the Missionary Committee and are in harmony with our Statement of Fundamentals. All funds

assigned to particular persons shall be forwarded by the Foreign Missions Department exactly as directed.

b. It is recommended that all missionaries send a report of moneys received and submit a budget of expenses to the Foreign Missions Department. It shall not be incumbent upon the Foreign Missions Department to send of its undesignated funds to missionaries who do not furnish such a report.

c. Missionaries expecting the endorsement and aid of the Foreign Missions Department shall report to the Missionary Committee and receive its approval before leaving this country. The Missionary Committee shall assume no responsibility whatever, where the foregoing requirements are not complied with. Funds designated for missionaries whose names do not appear on our list will be gladly forwarded by the Missions Department.

d. It is recommended that Districts endorsing candidates for missionary appointment assume as far as is practicable responsibility for their support.

Section 6. Ordination of Missionaries.

The ordination of missionaries under appointment of the Missions Department shall be determined on the basis of their qualifications for ordination rather than on the basis of their appointment.

Section 7. Fellowship Certificates.

a. The Foreign Missions Department shall renew the Fellowship Certificates of all foreign missionaries in good standing on or before the first of the year without cost to the missionaries.

This requirement on the part of the Missions Department shall be contingent upon the missionary's filling out in ample time the questionnaire provided by the Department and sending same to the home office.

b. Each missionary shall file with the Foreign Missions Department a full statement regarding his work, e. g., concerning his family and accommodations, period of service, language qualifications, nature of work engaged in, prospects of the field, present number of recognized adherents, etc.

Section 8. District Councils.

a. District Councils shall be formed on the field where there are sufficient missionaries and trustworthy ordained native preachers, provided the approval of the Missions Department shall first have been secured. Where numbers are not sufficient to warrant the formation of a District Council,

the missionary shall be amenable directly to the Foreign Missions Department.

b. It shall be considered the duty of the various District Councils on the foreign field to co-operate with the Foreign Missions Department in maintaining a high standard of Christian character and work in the interests of greater efficiency.

Section 9. Property.

a. All missionary property shall be held by the General Council wherever legally possible.

No funds shall be made available for missionary homes, stations, schools, etc., until adequate and proper safeguards, such as complying with the laws of the respective countries for the legal holding of property and such as establishing and maintaining a proper relationship between these missionary projects and the Foreign Missions Department, shall have been provided.

b. Missionaries contemplating the purchase of property or erection of buildings should co-operate with the District Council on the field, and secure their endorsement before submitting their proposition to the Foreign Missions Department.

c. A copy of the property deeds, titles, and other legal papers relating to all missionary properties which have been purchased shall be forwarded to the Foreign Missions Department for file.

Section 10. Native Workers.

a. It is recommended that great care be exercised in the selection of native workers, and that no worker be engaged who does not manifest a real consecration to the cause of Christ.

b. No offerings for the support of native workers shall be sent direct to the natives, but to the missionary representatives of the General Council.

Section 11. Furloughs.

a. Missionaries while home on furlough shall be considered as on vacation. It will be expected, however, that they shall co-operate with the home office in the interests of the work as far as possible.

b. The period and frequency of furloughs shall be governed by the recommendation of the District Council on the respective fields in co-operation with the Foreign Missions Department. It shall not be incumbent on the Foreign Missions Department to grant a furlough allowance to missionaries who return to the homeland without first having an understanding with the District Council on the field.

c. When missionaries do not intend to return to the field or for any reason are not recommended for further service, it shall not be incumbent on the Foreign Missions Department to continue their allowance for more than six months after their return to their homeland, except in cases of ill health or because of the infirmities of age.

d. All missionaries who have arranged to return to the home field shall co-operate with the Foreign Missions Department where there is no District Council on the field, in making arrangements for a supply to take charge of their work or station and shall co-operate with the Foreign Missions Department in securing and forwarding funds for the maintenance of such work or station during their absence.

e. All missionaries who shall have completed a satisfactory term of service shall be eligible for reappointment for another term.

ARTICLE X. HOME MISSIONS.

The fields everywhere are ripe for harvest, but the laborers are few. If we fail to speed up our program of home field evangelization the loss will be appalling. Our Lord's "Go ye" applies no less to the fields lying at our doors than to distant parts of the earth. We have the men and the means to accomplish at least twice as much as we are now doing, and the strengthening of the work at home is the only way we can enlarge our work abroad. The urgency of the command of our Lord, and the crying need everywhere will not permit us to be indifferent or inactive.

1. The Executive Presbytery shall be empowered to devise plans for opening up new work in neglected strategic points, so far as possible, and to consider the advisability of appointing such field workers as in their wisdom may be deemed necessary.

2. Each District Superintendent shall use all the available resources for evangelizing his own district.

3. So far as practicable each District Council shall raise funds and put one or more missionaries or evangelists to work in co-operation with the District Council, and the Council shall foster the new works started till such time as each may become able to support a pastor.

4. Each District Superintendent shall submit in writing to our Home Missions Department his policy for evangelization and field extension, or Home Missionary work being promoted in his district, and tell what activities have been recently put into execution in his district (for this purpose).

These reports shall be used for the purpose of comparing methods of labor and the discovery of the most practical ways of carrying on the work.

5. Every pastor should recognize his responsibility for the evangelization of his own parish and the regions contiguous to his city or town. He should make a careful survey of the needs and the opportunities of his field and look in his own assembly for competent workers now idle who can be pushed out into needy fields. He should encourage the formation of Gospel Teams which can carry the gospel to outstations and destitute places, where Sunday schools and prayer meetings and street meetings should be held, and all other Scriptural means be used for establishing and enlarging the work.

6. All our good evangelists should be kept busy in fields new and old, and the District Superintendents and pastors co-operate with them, so far as practicable.

ARTICLE XI. MEXICAN MISSIONS.

Section 1

The General Council shall recognize and encourage the Mexican Missions work carried on along the American border line and in Mexico.

Section 2

The Missions Department, at the discretion of the Missionary Committee, shall appropriate a proportionate share of the undesignated funds for the Mexican work.

ARTICLE XII. EDUCATIONAL AND HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT.

There shall be an Educational and Home Missions Department to work in co-operation and conjunction with the Foreign Missions Department. This department shall be financed by the Executive Presbytery out of such funds as may be available.

Section 1. Educational Secretary.

a. The Executive Presbytery shall be authorized to appoint a Secretary for the Educational and Home Missions Department, who shall, by virtue of his office become a member of the Board of Directors of each school having General Council endorsement.

b. The General Council, through its Educational Secretary, shall have a voice in determining the standards of teaching and policy of management of all endorsed schools. He shall be authorized to assist the schools in every way pos-

sible to maintain the highest plane of efficiency, and to seek to develop the school system as a whole.

c. He may use his influence to bring into existence our own textbooks, to assist the District Councils in developing reading courses for those who are unable to attend Bible schools, to help students after they leave school, and to represent our schools on the field.

Section 2. Standards for School Endorsement.

Plans for the opening of new schools shall not be consummated until the sponsors have first submitted their proposition to the General Council Educational and Home Missions Department and have secured its endorsement in respect to the requirements as follows:

a. Location.—Schools receiving endorsement by the General Council must be strategically located.

b. Buildings and Equipment.—Endorsement will be given to schools providing buildings and equipment that afford proper appearance, comfort and convenience, and which have sanitary facilities and fire protection adequate to safeguard the health and safety of our young people. Such facilities must meet State and City health and fire protection ordinances.

c. Management and Ownership.—We recognize three classes of schools in our fellowship, viz., General Council schools (owned and controlled by the General Council), District Council schools (owned and controlled by District Councils), and privately owned and operated schools. District Council schools that meet other necessary requirements may receive General Council endorsement. Privately owned institutions should comply with Article XIV, Section 5 of the Bylaws before receiving District or General Council endorsement. A "properly constituted incorporated body" is interpreted to mean a corporation composed of responsible men from our fellowship who are elected or appointed either by the General or the District Council officer. The directorate of the school should be chosen in the same manner and the school be controlled and managed by said directorate.

d. Faculty.—Faculty members should be chosen for their proven ability, character, spiritual experience and reputation for soundness in doctrinal belief. Too much caution cannot be exercised in the selection of faculty members.

e. Students.—It should be required of all applicants for admission to our schools that they give evidence of a definite born-again experience and an approved Christian character.

It is preferred that they have also a definite conviction of heart of the call of God into His service.

A high-school education or its equivalent is sufficient intellectual qualification for admission, but applicants who have only a common, or grammar school, education may be admitted if, after examination, the Administration is satisfied with their fitness.

Sound physical health should also be required. If requested, a student should be able to present a physician's certificate of fitness to stand the period of intensive study.

f. Curriculum.—All schools receiving endorsement shall be amenable to the General Council through its Educational Department in doctrine and standard of teaching. Their required subjects, and hours of work should be harmonized with Central Bible Institute's subjects on the basis of a three years' course.

g. Practical Work.—Standard schools should have their program so arranged as to give opportunity for each student to have practical work at least once each week during the entire school year.

h. Discipline.—Endorsed schools must put forth the necessary effort to maintain the kind of order and discipline in the school that will be becoming to Christians and create wholesome respect for the institution.

i. Spiritual Life.—A Bible school should first of all be pervaded with the atmosphere of true spirituality and the presence of God. For this reason strongest emphasis is laid upon the spiritual life of the schools seeking for endorsement. Chapel service, mission prayer groups, students' missionary meetings, morning and evening quiet hours, etc., all serve to this end.

j. Food and Recreation.—All due precaution should be taken to care for the health of the student body by providing plenty of fresh air, light, water and a good, well-balanced diet. At least one hour each day should be devoted to out-of-door recreation and exercise.

k. Social Activity.—The spirit of home life should be carried into our schools so far as conveniently possible. Students should be taught to be Christian ladies and gentlemen in all their social relationships. While the spirit of friendliness and comradeship should be encouraged, special care should be taken to safeguard the students in their social contacts that no undue familiarity arise between the sexes.

ARTICLE XIII. YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Whereas, The Scriptures are being fulfilled that "in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . . and on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy"; and

Whereas, Our young people who are being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and inspired with love to God and zeal for His service comprise the source from which shall be derived our future ministers, evangelists and missionaries, and they should be encouraged in any activities which may tend to develop them in Christian experience and service, and

Whereas, There now exist in various sections of the United States, organizations comprising local and District groups of young people who feel the urge of the Holy Spirit both to meet together in Christian fellowship and to actively engage in the promulgation of the full gospel message by all available means in co-operation with other bodies of like nature and purpose;

Therefore the General Council approves of all efforts which are now in existence or which may hereafter be instituted in behalf of our young people, provided such efforts fully comply with the constitutional principles of co-operative fellowship and unity of the Assemblies of God, to wit:

Section 1. Local Organizations.

All local young people's organizations shall be considered as a branch of the local church work, under the general supervision of the pastor, whose counsel, advice and direction shall be respected in all activities which affect the relationship of the organization to the church and its activities in service.

The local young people may elect their own officers subject to the approval of the pastor and the Church Board, and may conduct their own services provided such services do not conflict with, nor detract from, the regular services of the church.

The pastor shall be considered as an honorary member of the organization and an ex-officio member of all its committees, and should be respected and honored as a shepherd and guide in all matters of service and fellowship.

The activities of the young people may include:

- a. Bible Training Classes.
- b. Prayer Meetings in the church or elsewhere which

have the approval of the pastor and which will tend to build up the work of the church as a whole.

c. Other activities, such as street work, jail services, hospital visitation, ministration to invalids, the sick and shut-ins, tract distribution, etc.

Section 2. District Organizations.

Groups of local organizations may be formed into State or District organizations, with the approval of the officary of the District Councils involved. The State or District organization shall be governed by the principles of co-operative fellowship and shall be considered as a branch or department of the District Council. The District Council officary shall be considered as the honorary membership of the District organization and shall be honored and respected in all matters affecting the activities of the organization. The District organization shall have the right to elect its own officers and to supervise its own activities within the boundaries of the territory involved. The superintendent of the District Council shall be an ex-officio member of all District committees.

Section 3. Plan for District Organization.

Inasmuch as young people's State or District organizations have been authorized by the General Council resolutions, it is purposed that we continue such District organization with the following recommendations:

a. That the young people's President shall be an ordained minister.

b. That the manner of the election of the President by the young people's organization shall be subject to the approval of the District Council.

c. That a constitution and by-laws covering the activities of the District organization shall be submitted to and approved by the District Presbytery with a view of standardizing such constitutions with those of other districts.

d. The President of the District organization shall be subject to call by the District Presbytery for consultation in matters pertaining to young people.

e. Sectional meetings of the district organization shall be strictly spiritual in character and arranged through the co-operation of the pastors and young people's leaders in each section, taking care not to conflict with other local or District meetings.

f. That we disapprove of any attempt to effect a national organization of our young people.

g. That in the future the matter of organization of young people in a District in which such organization does not now exist shall receive the approval of the District Council before being effective.

ARTICLE XIV. INSTITUTIONS.

Section 1. Central Bible Institute Management.

a. The General Council shall control and manage the Central Bible Institute through a directorate appointed by the Executive Presbytery.

b. The directorate shall shape the policy, arrange its curriculum, provide the faculty, and have general supervision over the school.

Section 2. Bible Schools.

a. The General Council shall recognize the need of practical training of prospective ministers and missionaries. It shall be in hearty sympathy with every effort to provide such training where the standards of teaching and discipline maintained in the school are satisfactory.

b. The General Council shall encourage the further development of the Central Bible Institute, together with such other schools as may meet the required standard as set by the Central Bible Institute and become affiliated with the General Council through the District Council in which it is located.

c. The General Council shall have some representation upon the directorate of the schools. It shall have a voice in determining the standards of teaching and policy of management through the District Council in which such schools are located.

d. The examinations, reports, certificates, and diplomas, given by affiliated schools shall be on an equality with the Central Bible Institute in the matter of credits and conditions.

e. All graduates of such affiliated schools as shall have met these requirements shall be considered as on a par with the graduates of the Central Bible Institute.

Section 3. District and General Council Bible Schools.

Whereas, There are now several Bible Training Schools in our fellowship, and believing that all students should have proper training and supervision, therefore, be it

Resolved:

1. That we place ourselves upon record as expressing our conviction that it is unwise to unduly multiply Bible schools, as such multiplication tends to make difficult, through in-

adequate support, the maintenance of proper standards in the curriculum and equipment of schools already established and operating among us.

2. It shall be understood that the endorsement of a Bible school by a District Council does not constitute it a General Council Institution. Any school in order to be regarded as a General Council school must have the endorsement of, and be controlled by, the General Council. Bible schools that have been endorsed and are controlled by Districts, but not by the General Council, shall be regarded as District Bible schools. Any Bible school not endorsed by a District Council shall have no recognition in notices inserted in the Pentecostal Evangel.

3. Attention is called to the fact that Central Bible Institute is our only General Council Bible school. We place ourselves upon record as reaffirming previous declarations made concerning this institution. We have confidence in the management and the faculty and agree to stand wholeheartedly back of this school to do all we can to promote its interests and to give to it, through proper publicity, the place it deserves in our fellowship.

4. We record our conviction that in the matter of publicity given to Bible schools in the Pentecostal Evangel the fact that Central Bible Institute is our only General Council Bible school should be borne in mind. Publicity to District schools should be stressed in the Districts and afforded through District channels. We express our conviction that only such notices concerning District Bible schools as are likely to interest our constituency as a whole should be published in the Pentecostal Evangel.

Section 4. Other Institutions.

a. The General Council shall be in sympathy with the establishment and maintenance of homes for the aged, for children, and for retired ministers and missionaries.

b. The General Council shall be in sympathy with the establishment and maintenance of academic schools for the children of our constituency.

c. The General Council shall encourage the opening and maintenance of Sunday Schools throughout the fellowship.

d. The General Council shall be in sympathy with the establishment and maintenance of missionary schools on the various mission fields where practicable for the training of native workers, and schools for the education of the young children of missionaries.

Section 5. Private Ownership of Religious Institutions.

The General Council disapproves of the private ownership by members of the General or District Councils of church buildings, schools, or other institutions that are supported by funds solicited for the work of God; and, where such private ownership exists it strongly recommends that a properly constituted incorporated body be formed and that the title to the property be transferred to such body, or that the soliciting of such funds cease.

A disregard of this attitude and recommendation of the General Council may affect the relationship to the General Council of members involved in such private ownership.

ARTICLE XV. PUBLICATIONS.

Section 1. Official Organ.

The Pentecostal Evangel shall be the official organ of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and shall be published in the interest of our fellowship and for the further propagation of our distinctive testimony. The Editor of the Pentecostal Evangel shall be chosen by the Executive Presbytery, said choice subject to ratification by the General Presbytery. The Executive Presbytery shall have authority to publish Sunday school literature, children's books and papers, etc., together with such other literature, including periodicals and books, as may be decided upon.

Section 2. Publishing House.

The Publishing House and its equipment shall be developed as its business shall expand and funds may be available therefor.

Section 3. Management.

The management of the Publishing House, with its various publications and business interests, shall be vested in the Executive Presbytery, who shall provide such personnel as may be required to supervise and carry on its work.

Section 4. Reports for the Evangel.

Whereas, Reports of meetings held and announcements of meetings to be held which are of small value as items of news and are of strictly local interest are sent to the Evangel for publication from time to time, and

It is our desire to use all Evangel space to the best possible advantage for the glory of God; therefore, the Editor of the Evangel, together with the Executive Presbytery, shall be authorized to leave out of the Evangel such reports and

announcements as seem to them to be of not sufficient interest to the majority of Evangel readers to be printed.

Section 5. Evangel Missionary Numbers.

The management of the Publishing House is authorized to denominate four issues of the Pentecostal Evangel each year as Missionary Numbers, and that they be devoted as exclusively as may be found practicable, to the publication of missionary articles and the dissemination of missionary information.

ARTICLE XVI. MILITARY SERVICE.

While recognizing Human Government as of Divine ordination and affirming our unswerving loyalty to the Government of the United States, nevertheless we are constrained to define our position with reference to the taking of human life.

We as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, believe in implicit obedience to the Divine commands and precepts which instruct us to "Follow peace with all men" (Heb. 12:14), "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex. 20:13), "Resist not evil" (Matt. 5:39), "Love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44), etc. These and other scriptures have always been accepted and interpreted by our churches as prohibiting Christians from shedding blood or taking human life; therefore, we, as a body of Christians, while purposing to fulfill all the obligations of loyal citizenship, are nevertheless constrained to declare we cannot conscientiously participate in war and armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life, since this is contrary to our view of the clear teachings of the inspired Word of God which is the sole basis of our faith. At the same time the General Council hereby declares its unswerving loyalty to our Government and to its Chief Executive, and we purpose to assist the government in time of war in every way morally possible, consistent with our faith.

ARTICLE XVII. FINANCE.

The work of the General Council in its definite program of development of the spirit of co-operation and fellowship in home and foreign fields incurs considerable expense, including financial support of the General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer and such other help as may be needed, in maintaining headquarters, purchasing stationery and postage, and defraying traveling expenses, etc.

Therefore, every minister in the fellowship shall recognize

his obligation to contribute from his tithes or as an offering, or through his influence, the sum of one dollar per month. And further, looking towards the increased efficiency of the fellowship throughout the entire field, all who can contribute more, personally or through their assemblies, than the suggested amount, are hereby strongly urged to do so. If practicable, let each assembly take one offering each year for the upkeep of the General Council office and traveling expenses.

ARTICLE XVIII. DOCTRINES APPROVED AND DISAPPROVED.

In accord with its constitutional prerogatives, the General Council has set itself on record pertaining to the approval or disapproval of certain matters, as follows:

Section 1. Heresies Disapproved.

The General Council hereby disapproves of the Seventh-day teaching, of the extreme so-called Eternal Security teaching, and of the Restitution of All Things doctrine, and those holding and agitating such teachings, thereby causing confusion and division among God's people, shall be dealt with according to Titus 3:10.

Section 2. Regarding Meats.

The pressing of the question of eating, or not eating meats, is causing divisions in some of the assemblies,

Therefore, the General Council disapproves of such extreme positions on this question which cause these divisions, and we recognize the right of each individual conscience in this matter, according to Col. 2:14-17; Rom. 14:1-23.

Section 3. Setting a Time for the Lord's Return.

It is unwise to teach that the Lord will come at some specified time, thereby setting a date for His appearing; and also it is unwise to give out from the platform, or publish visions of numbers and dates fixing the time of the second coming of the Lord.

Section 4. Regarding Secret Societies.

All ministers affiliated with us shall refrain from identifying themselves with any of the secret orders which we recognize as essentially of the world, worldly, and we advise any who may have identified themselves with such orders to sever their connection therewith.

Section 5. Divorce and Remarriage.

a. There are now among Christian people those who became entangled in their marriage relations in their former lives of sin, and who do not see how these matters can be

adjusted. We recommend that these cases be left in the hands of the Lord, and that they walk in the light as God lets it shine on their souls.

b. Low standards on marriage and divorce are very hurtful to individuals, to the family, and to the cause of Christ, therefore we discourage divorce by all lawful means and teaching. We positively disapprove of Christians getting divorce for any cause except for fornication and adultery (Matt. 19:9); and recommend the remaining single of all divorced Christians, and that they pray God so to keep them in purity and peace. (See 1 Corinthians 7.)

Section 6. Regarding Worldliness.

Inasmuch as a spirit of worldliness has been creeping into many of our assemblies, and our pastors in some places meet with much opposition as they hold up Bible standards and take a stand against popular sins; therefore we as a body unitedly declare ourselves against all forms of worldliness, but particularly against modern immodesty and extremity in dress, and we all agree as pastors, evangelists, licentiates, exhorters, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, to speak the same things and voice ourselves against all forms of popular sins.

Section 7. Post-Tribulation Rapture Teaching.

Whereas, The General Council has declared itself in the Statement of Fundamental Truths that it holds to the belief in the imminent coming of the Lord as the blessed hope of the church, and

Whereas, The teaching that the Church must go through the Tribulation tends to bring confusion and division among the saints; therefore,

We recommend that all our ministers teach the imminent coming of Christ, warning all men to be prepared for that coming, which may occur at any time, and not lull their minds into insecurity by any teaching that would cause them to feel that certain events must occur before the Rapture of the saints.

Furthermore, We recommend that should any of our ministers hold to the post-Tribulation doctrine, they refrain from preaching and teaching it. Should they persist in emphasizing this doctrine to the point of making it an issue, their standing in the fellowship will be seriously affected.

Section 8. Paying Tithes.

a. We recognize the duty of tithing and we urge all our people to pay tithes to God.

b. According to the Scriptures tithes should be used for the support of the active ministry and for the propagation of the Gospel and work of the Lord in general and not given to charity or used for other purposes. All ministers should be tithers, practicing what they preach.

c. Regarding our basis of fellowship in reference to tithe-paying: The basis of our fellowship is that of voluntary co-operation; therefore, the making the paying of tithes into the District Treasury by the ministry a basis of fellowship is disapproved.

ARTICLE XIX. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The regular order of business for the Council Meeting shall be:

1. Report of the General Superintendent.
2. Report of Secretary.
3. Report of Treasurer.
4. Committee Reports.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Election of Officers.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment.

All business sessions of the Council shall commence with prayer.

ARTICLE XX. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any regular meeting of the General Council. Amendments to be adopted shall require a majority of all votes cast.

Minutes of the General Council

The nineteenth biennial session of the General Council of the Assemblies of God convened at 9:00 A. M., Friday, September 5, 1941, in the Municipal Auditorium at Minneapolis, Minnesota, with Brother Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent, presiding at the devotional service. Brother K. H. Lawson of Flat River, Missouri, a member of the pulpit committee was in charge of the song service and Pastor E. W. Bethany, Spartanburg, South Carolina, led in prayer. A message in song, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus," was given by Brother Nels Lein of North Central Bible Institute. Preceding the morning message the people lifted their hearts in praise and worship to the Lord.

The opening address of the General Council session was brought by the General Superintendent, Ernest S. Williams. He read from the 13th chapter of the book of Acts and took as his text the second verse, "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." He mentioned the need of our dedicating ourselves to God for the advancement of the work to which He has called us—that of carrying the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, and the need for us as a Movement to be filled with power to meet the spiritual crisis facing the Christian church. Following the message the congregation lifted hearts in prayer as they sang the words, "Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord."

The business meeting opened at 10:50 A. M. with the General Superintendent presiding. He expressed appreciation for the work done by the brethren at Minneapolis and for the arrangement which had been made for the entertainment of the Council, and introduced Brother Frank J. Lindquist, superintendent of the North Central District and pastor of the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle, who welcomed the Council to the city of Minneapolis.

The names of those appointed to serve on the committees were read by the General Secretary, J. Roswell Flower. The personnel of the committees is as follows:

Roster Committee: Leonard Palmer, E. B. Peterson, N. D. Davidson, Clarence Goudie, William Pickthorn.

Resolutions Committee: D. H. McDowell, J. E. Austell, D. M. Carlson, C. M. O'Guin, H. M. Strickland, T. C. Anderson.

Ministerial Relations Committee: Frank Gray, Herman G. Johnson, R. E. Scott, G. F. Lewis, C. W. Loenser, W. Paul Jones, H. M. Fulfer, E. L. Tanner, P. C. Nelson.
Foreign Missions Committee: Noel Perkin, James Menzie, L. F. Turnbull, H. B. Garlock, Charles Weston, E. E. Krogstad.
Home Missions Committee: Fred Vogler, S. W. Noles, C. T. Walberg, O. E. Nash, Jesse Smith, F. D. Davis, R. F. Hudson.

Sunday School Committee: Robert Hillegas, R. C. Sellers, Paul Pittman, A. F. Berg, R. M. Riggs, M. B. Hampton, M. L. Grable.

Young People's Committee: Wesley Steelberg, H. Paul Holdridge, Marvin Smith, Glenn A. Reed, Robert Cunningham, McArthur Jollay.

Educational Committee: Henry Ness, P. C. Nelson, Frank Lindquist, Roy Smuland, W. I. Evans, W. B. McCafferty.

Pulpit Committee: E. E. Krogstad, K. H. Lawson, Edgar Bethany, Ted Ness.

Christ's Ambassadors Committee (Vesper Services): Arthur Thornton, L. R. Logan, David A. Hastie.

The ushers passed out the printed reports which had been prepared by the Executive Presbytery, and the General Secretary proceeded to read that portion which covered the activities of General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent and General Secretary. It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be adopted.

At twelve noon the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. After the singing of the doxology, Brother Stanley Frodsham, Editor of the Pentecostal Evangel, dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon devotional service opened at 2:00 P. M. with Brother H. E. Winburn of Canada in charge of the song service. Brother S. S. Scull, General Presbyter from the Arizona District, led in prayer. Brother Paul Pittman of Lawrence, Kansas, brought the afternoon message on the subject, "Sunday School—a Foundation for World Evangelism." He used as his text Matthew 28:18-20. "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The business meeting opened at 3:00 P. M. The first order of business was the reading of the report of the Foreign Missions Department. This was read by the Missionary Secretary, Noel Perkin. It was moved by Brother McDowell, seconded, and carried that the report of the Foreign Missions Department be accepted, with thanks to God for His gracious goodness in this marvelous forward advance in our missionary activities.

The General Secretary read the report of the Gospel Publishing House. It was moved by Brother Lewis, seconded and carried that this report be accepted. The report of Central Bible Institute was read by the General Superintendent and this report also was accepted.

Following the reading of the reports all joined in singing, "It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done."

Inasmuch as there was no unfinished business to present, the next order of business was the election of officers. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the first order of business on Saturday morning, September 6, be the election of officers.

The afternoon business meeting adjourned at 4:15 P. M. Following the singing of the song, "A Glorious Church," Brother L. F. Turnbull, General Presbyter of the Southern California District, dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The morning meeting opened at 9:00 A. M. with Brother Ted Ness, member of the Pulpit Committee, in charge. Brother Charles Rice, pastor at Dyersburg, Tennessee, directed the singing, and prayer was offered by Brother Roy Smuland, superintendent of the New England District.

A message in song admonishing to be ready, watching, and waiting for the coming of the Lord was sung by Mrs. Lorne Fox. Brother Ralph M. Riggs, superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, brought a message from the Word on the need of faithful ministers in the present world crisis. He read portions of Scripture from Matthew 24, 1 Peter 5, and 1 Timothy 4. In his message he presented the need of the faithful minister being an example to his people in personal work, faith, loyalty, humility, in prayer, being a shepherd of the flock, feeding them, tenderly caring for them and leading them; and of performing well the task assigned. God blessed this message to the hearts of the people.

The General Superintendent expressed appreciation for the presence of God during the Council session and encouraged

the ministers and friends to keep their hearts open to the Lord that He might manifest Himself in our midst.

At 11:00 A. M. the meeting was opened for business. Brother Roy E. Scott, Superintendent of the West Central District led in prayer. A message in tongues with interpretation followed, encouraging the brethren to continue in love and unity in this hour of crisis.

The Minutes of the preceding day's business meeting were read by the General Secretary and approved.

The General Superintendent mentioned that invitations for the 1943 General Council session had been received from the Chambers of Commerce in Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, St. Louis, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Denver and Springfield, Missouri, and that it would be impossible for the Executive Presbytery to give careful consideration to all of these invitations. He therefore appointed the following committee to study these invitations and submit a report with recommendations: Brothers Frank Lindquist, Henry Ness, D. P. Holloway, Gordon Bender, Henry Hoar, A. A. Wilson, Bert Webb, Ben Hardin.

Brother Leonard Palmer, chairman of the Roster Committee, submitted the following report. The total registration at the desk of the Roster Committee at 10:45 A. M., September 6, was 1,959.

Ordained ministers	809
Licensed ministers	69
Foreign missionaries	58
Lay church delegates	121
Visitors	898

The total voting delegation was 988. He reported that the official registration at the same time at the last General Council at Springfield, Missouri, was 2,432 as compared with 1,959.

The election of officers was the first order of business. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the motion passed the preceding day to make the election of officers the first order of business for Saturday morning be reconsidered. The motion, therefore, was brought before the house for reconsideration. It was moved, and seconded that the motion be amended by striking out the words "Saturday morning" and substituting the words "Monday afternoon." The amendment to the main motion was carried. The vote on the main motion to make the election of officers the first order of business on Monday afternoon was taken. The house seemed about evenly

divided and a count was made. There were 338 affirmative votes and 408 negative votes. The motion was lost. It was moved, seconded, and carried that we proceed with the election of officers.

Brother and Sister Jacob Miller, veterans in the Assemblies of God movement and now advanced in years, were called to the platform to give a few words of greeting to the assembly.

The morning meeting adjourned at 12:10 P. M. with prayer by Pastor A. B. Cox of Dayton, Ohio.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting opened at 2:00 P. M. with the Assistant General Superintendent presiding, and Brother Ted Ness in charge of the song service. Brother L. O. Waldon, Superintendent of the Louisiana District, led in prayer. Preceding the afternoon message Miss Adele Selness, instructor in music at Central Bible Institute, sang, "Pearls by the Way." The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Dorothy Morris, member of the Editorial Staff at the Gospel Publishing House, who spoke on the subject, "Working With the Children."

The business meeting opened at 3:15 P. M. with prayer by Brother W. R. Munger, secretary of the Montana District. The order of business was the election of the officers, and the following were appointed by the General Superintendent to serve as tellers: H. S. Bush, J. E. Hamill, Claude J. Utley, A. F. Berg, W. S. Bragg, and D. P. Holloway. On the nominating ballot for General Superintendent, Brother Ernest S. Williams was returned to office, receiving 703 of the 730 votes cast. On the nominating ballot for Assistant General Superintendent, Brother Fred Vogler was returned to office, receiving 554 out of the 749 votes cast. The next officer to be elected was the General Secretary. Brother J. Roswell Flower was also returned to office on the nominating ballot, receiving 673 out of the 718 votes cast.

During the voting God blessed the ministry in song of many of the visiting friends and ministers. There was a joyous manifestation of God's presence and blessing, with shouts of praise, holy laughter, and exuberant singing of choruses.

The General Secretary read a message of greeting cabled by Brother Wesley Jaeger and Brother David du Plessis on behalf of the Executive Council of the Apostolic Faith Mission in South Africa. Also he read a letter of greeting from the Assemblies of God in Australia. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the General Secretary prepare a letter of ap-

preciation to the brethren in Australia and South Africa in response to their thoughtfulness in sending greetings to the 1941 General Council, assuring them of our Christian love and desire to be cooperative with our Pentecostal brethren in other lands and wishing them God's blessing upon their faithful labors for Him.

The General Superintendent told of the homegoing of Brother R. J. Craig, who had come to Minneapolis to attend the Council, but who passed on to be with the Lord on the Monday preceding the opening of the Council. Mention was also made of the death of Mrs. R. F. Hudson, wife of the superintendent of our West Florida District, and also that word had just been received from Brother E. C. Tobey of Texas of the death of his son. Brother Bragg was asked to pray God's blessing and comfort upon the saints at San Francisco in the loss of their beloved and faithful pastor, Brother Craig, and upon Brothers Hudson and Tobey in their bereavement.

The afternoon meeting adjourned at 5:15 P. M. with prayer by Brother F. D. Davis, superintendent of the Texas District.

SUNDAY MORNING

Memorial Service

A memorial and communion service was held at 9:30 a. m. at which time those ministers and missionaries were remembered who had gone on to their reward since the last session of the General Council. Brother Fred Vogler was in charge of the service. Communion was serviced by the General Presbyters. The list of ministers and missionaries who were memorialized is as follows:

Ministers

Thomas P. Anthony, Austin, Texas
John J. Ashcroft, Evanston, Ill.
William C. Aytes, Lambert, Ark.
Peter Birchall, Los Angeles, Calif.
Francisca Blaisdell (Mrs. George), Douglas, Ariz.
Archie E. Brady, West Monroe, La.
Robena Branch (Mrs. Alvin), Pasadena, Calif.
Elbert H. Brooks, Jacksonville, Fla.
Mrs. E. F. Calhoun, Houston, Tex.
Thomas T. Carmical, Fresno, Calif.
Rolla I. Champion, Clay City, Ind.
Fred J. Cook, Thermal, Calif.
Robert J. Craig, San Francisco, Calif.

A. F. Crouch, Springfield, Mo.
Richard Derryberry, Hector, Ark.
Jesse C. Fuller, Leon, Iowa
Arthur W. Frodsham, Manhattan Beach, Calif.
John J. Gotcher, Searcy, Ark.
James Monroe Graham, Hattiesburg, Miss.
August Hammock, Hermosa Beach, Calif.
Pearl Herndon, Modesto, Calif.
Viola L. Hild (Mrs. Christian), Fargo, N. Dak
Orson C. Howell, Watsonville, Calif.
Daniel H. Jorden, St. Louis, Mo.
Luther F. Joyner, Jacksboro, Tex.
William A. Kersh, Mishawaka, Ind.
Paul Kienel, Dufur, Oreg.
Ronald J. McDonald, Ione, Wash.
George S. McGraw, Brewton, Ala.
Claude A. McKinney, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Fred C. Martin, Paonia, Colo.
John B. Marval, Belen, N. M.
Albert E. Montgomery, Osceola, Mo.
W. E. Moody, Oakland, Calif.
D. L. Moon, Minburn, Iowa
Edward A. Musick, Pecos, Tex.
Thomas H. Payne, Overland Park, Kans.
Charles S. Peters, Pasadena, Calif.
Julius D. Rieske, Milwaukee, Wis.
Charles W. Sigafosse, Pasadena, Calif.
Nina L. Soules, Byesville, Ohio
Karl G. Stolsen, Seattle, Wash.
Mary E. Thomas, Keokee, Va.
Marie A. Tennant, Oakland, Calif.
J. Paul Thommen, Sr., Oakland, Calif.
Fratius O. Whitehead, Rosanky, Tex.
Opal C. Wiley, Amarillo, Tex.
Tekoa S. Winey, Tacoma, Wash.
Charlotte A. Yeomans, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Missionaries

A. Elizabeth Brown, Jerusalem, Palestine
Viola Bryant (Mrs. Sydney), North India
Mrs. C. W. Doney, Egypt
Dorothy Ganz, South India
C. F. Juergensen, Japan
Ernest P. Lindholm, Belgian Congo

Jennie K. Mueller (Mrs. Jacob), North India
Nettie D. Nichols, North China
Mrs. J. M. Perkins, Liberia
Mrs. John Warton, Syria

MONDAY MORNING

The morning meeting opened at 9:00 A. M. with Brother E. W. Bethany, member of the Pulpit Committee, in charge of the song service. Brother H. S. Bush, secretary of the South Florida District led in prayer. A message in song, "Jesus, That Sweet Name I Love to Hear," was sung by Mrs. Fred Henry.

The speaker of the morning was Brother Wesley R. Steelberg, pastor of Highway Tabernacle at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who spoke on the subject, "The Place of Young People in the Present World Crisis," using as his text 1 Samuel 17:55, and comparing the relationship of young people in the church to children in the family, the need of spiritual mothers and fathers, of making room for the young people in our church program, providing for them, guiding them and admonishing them in love.

The business meeting opened at 10:45 A. M. Brother T. J. Gotcher, pastor at North Little Rock, Arkansas, was asked to pray God's blessing upon the business of the morning. The General Superintendent expressed appreciation for the faithful ministry of Brother Fred Henry of Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the piano during the Council session.

Several visiting brethren from Canada were introduced. These were Brother Loine Honderick, who is working in the interest of Sunday Schools in Canada, Evangelist R. E. McAlister, and Brother G. R. Upton, superintendent of the Alberta District.

The minutes of the preceding day's business were read by the General Secretary and approved as read.

The first order of business was the election of three non-resident executive presbyters. The following nominations were made from the floor: Brothers J. N. Gortner, A. A. Wilson, F. J. Lindquist, G. W. Hardcastle, Frank Gray, C. M. O'Guin, W. R. Steelberg, D. W. McDowell, Flem Van Meter, D. P. Holloway, and G. F. Lewis.

While the ballots were being passed, Brother Leonard Palmer, chairman of the Roster Committee, made the following report. The total registration at the desk of the Roster Committee at 10:45 A. M., September 8, was 3,171.

Ordained ministers	873
Licensed ministers	113
Foreign missionaries	65
Lay church delegates	127
Visitors	1987
Canadian ministers	6
Voting delegation	1065

The total official registration at this same time at the last General Council at Springfield, Missouri, was 2,890, as compared with 3,171. This registration exceeded that of two years ago by 281.

While the ballots were being counted, the General Superintendent introduced Dr. Robert T. Taylor of the American Bible Society, who brought a very interesting report concerning the work carried on by that Society.

The morning business meeting adjourned at 12:20 P. M. Brother J. A. Bogue, secretary of the Northwest District, dismissed with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting opened at 2:00 P. M. Brother Carl Stewart of Fort Worth, Texas, directed the song service and Brother S. W. Noles, superintendent of the Georgia District, led in prayer. Brother Lorne Fox played a selection on the organ and Brother Willard Peirce brought a message in song.

The Assistant General Superintendent introduced Brother Evert Chamberlain, pastor at Chicago, who spoke on the subject, "Conferences for Sunday School Workers," using as his text Proverbs 11:14, "Where no counsel is, the people fall, but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

At the close of the afternoon message, Brother Einar Waermo sang, "Wonderful Peace."

In order that proper time might be given to a healing service, business was dispensed with and a healing service was conducted by Brothers P. C. Nelson, Raymond T. Richey, and Harvey McAlister.

TUESDAY MORNING

The morning meeting opened at 9:00 A. M. with Brother E. W. Bethany leading the singing. Prayer was offered by Brother J. O. Savell, pastor at Akron, Ohio. The Kolenda male quartet of Chicago brought a message in song. The speaker of the morning was Brother J. Roswell Flower. He read the 133rd Psalm, mentioning the blessedness of unity; also Genesis

11:1-6 from which he showed that much can be accomplished through coordinated effort.

The business meeting opened at 10:15 A. M. with prayer by Brother T. J. Jones, dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute at San Francisco. The minutes of the preceding day's business were read by the General Secretary and approved as read.

The following telegram received from Miss Lilian Yeomans of California was read: "Loving greetings in Christ to all the brethren assembled at the General Council in Minneapolis. I pray that you may have a rushing mighty wind as in Acts 2:2."

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Brother D. H. McDowell, read the following resolution which had been prepared by Brother D. N. Buntain, Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Whereas, The source of life, strength, and power in every religious movement has been and is an anointed, praying people, and

Whereas, In the midst of our great development and progress there is a danger of our people being carried along on the momentum of numbers, organization, and outward success, and

Whereas, There is great need of a fresh visitation from heaven to sweep over our movement, and

Whereas, There are unusual needs in the whole world-wide missionary effort, and

Whereas, We have been sent to the Kingdom with the only message that can change and save the world, and

Whereas, Because of our high standards many are looking to us to lead the way in a back-to-God movement; therefore, be it

1. Resolved, That this General Council of the Assemblies of God in United States of America, in co-operation with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, go on record as declaring that we will set aside the first week in January as a week of fasting and prayer, not for personal needs, but (a) for a real Holy Ghost revival throughout the world; (b) that Pentecostal power be given all workers and people for witness and service: (c) for a real understanding of our heritage in Christ and faith to enter into it fully, that the Father may be glorified.

2. Resolved, That properly conducted prayer meetings rather than preaching services be held every evening during the appointed week and meeting places be open all day wherever possible with every encouragement being given to fasting.

3. Resolved, That all evangelists, missionaries, teachers, and workers be asked to cooperate to the full with our people and others in this prayer effort.

4. Resolved, That full publicity be given to this declaration through our official papers and in any other way that may be best suited to meet the needs of any local congregation.

5. Resolved, That we contact Pentecostal assemblies in other lands for cooperation in a world-wide effort.

It was moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted. Brother Buntain was introduced and asked to speak concerning the resolution. He mentioned that the assemblies in Canada would cooperate to the fullest extent. Brother McDowell called attention to the word "fasting" in the resolution and said that he felt this meant fasting along every line—fasting from words and fasting from all other unnecessary things to give that week to God and prayer. The resolution was carried.

The tellers reported on the first ballot cast for the election of the nonresident executives. No election was declared. While ballots were passed out, a delegation of ministers and friends from the State of Texas sang, "Beautiful Texas" and "Somewhere Working for My Lord."

The following report was made by the Roster Committee. At 10:30 Tuesday morning, September 9, the registration at the desk was 3,477.

Ordained ministers	931
Foreign missionaries	69
Licensed ministers	135
Visitors	2,201
Delegates	135
Canadian ministers	6
Voting delegation	1,135

This registration exceeded the total registration at Springfield by 537 persons.

Brother H. H. Ness, chairman of the Educational Committee, brought the following report.

Report of Recognized Bible Schools

It is with grateful hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ that we have watched the tremendous growth and progress of the various departments of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. This is especially true with the Educational Department of our movement.

Nineteen years ago, the Central Bible Institute at Springfield, Missouri, was established for the purpose of training young men and women for the full-gospel ministry. Because of the far distance from other parts of the country to Springfield, it was found necessary that other Bible Schools should be established. Since the beginning of the Central Bible Institute, a number of other Bible Schools have been established as recognized educational centers affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. The enrollments of our Bible Schools have increased from year to year.

The largest enrollment for 1941 is that of North Central Bible Institute of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with others as follows:

North Central Bible Institute; Minneapolis Minnesota (This includes Business College)	373
Central Bible Institute; Springfield, Missouri	333
Northwest Bible Institute; Seattle, Washington	256
Southwestern Bible Institute; Enid, Oklahoma	194
Glad Tidings Bible Institute; San Francisco, Calif.	126
South Central Bible Institute; Fort Worth, Texas	100
Southern California Bible College; Pasadena, Calif.	96
Eastern Bible Institute; Green Lane, Pennsylvania.....	83
Great Lakes Bible Institute; Zion, Illinois	72
Latin-American Bible Institute; Saspamco, Texas	46
Berean Bible Institute; San Diego, California	37
Beulah Heights-Southeastern Bible Institute; Atlanta, Georgia	36

This makes a total enrollment of 1,754 students for 1941 with a total number of 345 graduates for the same year. Approximately 1,200 graduates have entered the ministry in the home fields, and about 250 have entered the service of the Lord in foreign fields. These figures show that our Bible Schools supply a large contribution to the ministry in the Assemblies of God. From all indications the enrollment for the coming year will be larger than of the past.

Besides this, we are thankful to God for the marvelous spiritual blessings of God upon our Bible Schools. Throughout the year, in every Bible School, a great number of the students receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Others receive definite calls into the Christian service, as well as a deeper walk with the Lord.

We covet earnestly the prayers of you all, that God's blessing shall continue to rest upon the various Bible Institutes of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

In behalf of the Educational Committee this report is respectfully submitted.

Henry H. Ness, Chairman Educational Committee

It was moved, seconded, and carried that this report be accepted.

Brother C. T. Walberg read the report of the Home Missions Committee. (See minutes of afternoon business meeting for complete report.) It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report be accepted, the recommendations to be considered separately.

The tellers reported that on the second ballot for the election of the nonresident executive presbyters, there were two elections, Brothers J. N. Gortner and A. A. Wilson. Voting continued for the election of the third nonresident executive.

Consideration was given to the recommendations in the report of the Home Missions Committee. The first recommendation in the report was as follows: "We recommend that anyone desiring to open a new work in any part of our nation shall first secure the approval of the presbyter of said area and superintendent of the District." It was moved, seconded, and carried that the words "secure" and "approval" be stricken out and the words "seek" and "cooperation" inserted, making the recommendation to read: "We recommend that anyone desiring to open a new work in any part of our nation shall first seek the cooperation of the presbyter of said area and superintendent of the District." The recommendation as amended was then adopted. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the next recommendation in the report be adopted: "Upon receiving this cooperation, said worker shall not leave without first consulting the presbyter and superintendent."

On the third ballot cast for the election of the third nonresident executive presbyter, Brother Flem Van Meter was elected.

The morning meeting adjourned at 12:15 P. M. Brother H. H. Ness dismissed in prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting opened at 2:00 P. M. with Brother Ted Ness leading the singing. Prayer was offered by Brother W. W. Simpson, missionary to West China. The Misses Eskew and Huffstuttlar brought a message in song. Brother Fred Vogler was the afternoon speaker and presented the great need for evangelization in America. He used as his text Titus 2:11-15.

The business meeting was called to order at 3:00 P. M. by the General Superintendent. Brother P. C. Nelson, president of Southwestern Bible Institute, led in prayer. Brother Einar Waermo delighted the audience with two messages in song. The General Superintendent expressed sincere thanks to Brother Waermo on behalf of the 1941 General Council for his ministry in song during the Council.

The first order of business was the further consideration of the recommendation in the report of the Home Missions Committee. Brother Riggs mentioned the fact that many were anxious to hear the report of the committee appointed to recommend a place of meeting for the 1943 Council and suggested that further consideration of the recommendations in the home missions report be tabled. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the home missions report be tabled until the committee on invitations for the 1943 General Council had made its report.

Invitations for 1943 General Council

Brother F. J. Lindquist then made the following report. The Committee on Invitations for our next General Council has considered invitations from Buffalo, New York; Cleveland, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Denver, Colorado; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Springfield, Missouri; and Detroit, Michigan. They have given consideration to the facilities, such as free auditorium, housing and hotel facilities, railroad travel, geographical location, and recommend for the consideration of this body Kansas City, Missouri and Denver, Colorado; that Brother A. A. Wilson speak for Kansas City and Brother J. E. Austell for Denver. After Brothers Wilson and Austell had spoken, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the 1943 General Council session be held at Denver, Colorado.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that a telegram of condolence be sent to the President of the United States in the loss of his mother. The following telegram was sent by the General Secretary.

"The officers and members of the Assemblies of God, convened at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in their nineteenth biennial General Council, desire to express their sincere sympathy to you in the loss of your dear mother and pray God's blessing upon you and the members of your family in this hour of your bereavement."

Home Missions Committee Report

The report of the Home Missions Committee was taken up for further consideration. Each remaining recommendation was considered separately and adopted. The entire report, together with recommendations as amended, is as follows:

Whereas, There are now many towns and cities in the United States without an Assembly of God, and

Whereas, The commission of our Lord is to "go in- to all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and

Whereas, We believe this gospel to be the full gospel, therefore we submit the following report and recommendations for your consideration as ways and means of more efficient ministry in evangelizing these parts of our nation.

We recommend that anyone desiring to open a new work in any part of our nation shall first seek the cooperation of the presbyter of said area and superintendent of the District. Upon receiving this co-operation said worker shall continue in this place and shall not leave without first consulting the presbyter and superintendent.

Since we have many splendid graduates from our Bible schools who have secured the finest of Pentecostal training, we recommend that these and other qualified workers be encouraged and used to do personal work in new fields, towns, and cities, that we seek to contact and enter into every home with the express purpose of having Bible reading and prayer and that Assembly of God literature be left in each home, . . . this ministry of personal work to precede the opening of public meetings.

We recommend that all seeking to establish their

calling to the ministry for either home or foreign ministry be encouraged to do pioneer work.

We recommend that as far as possible all home missionary funds be invested with the thought of permanence.

We recommend the establishment of branch Sunday Schools wherever possible under the leadership of already established churches.

We recommend that all our churches use the Sunday School literature from our own Gospel Publishing House, since the Gospel Publishing House provides literature which conforms with our Pentecostal testimony and our Districts share in the profits for their home missionary purposes.

In the establishing of branch churches and churches in new fields, we recommend that this be done with the thought of developing them under the direct supervision and in co-operation with each District and that said churches be encouraged to become members of the District as soon as possible.

Inasmuch as we believe those churches with a missionary vision are in obedience to the Word of the Lord to give the gospel to all the world and are in accord with the world-wide ministry of the Assemblies of God, we recommend that all these new churches provide at least one offering per month for missions.

We praise the Lord for the splendid work of the Home Missions Department in co-operation with local Districts in sponsoring missionary activity among the American Indians, Jews, armed forces, and Civilian Conservation Camps, and inasmuch as this is an unlimited field and practically untouched by the full gospel ministry, we encourage the continuance of this home missionary work and the increase of workers wherever possible.

Because of the tremendous importance of Alaska in the public eye today and the placing of thousands of our armed forces in this territory and the great increase of population there, we urge that every effort possible be made to stimulate this home missions field. We suggest a survey under the personal direction of the Home Missions Department and that an effort be made to secure additional, qualified workers for this field.

Since the Hawaiian Islands are now part of the Home Missions Department, we recommend that after proper

investigation of the present work there, immediate steps be taken to increase the workers in this field.

The afternoon meeting was dismissed with prayer by Brother Glen Rennick.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The morning meeting opened at 9:00 A. M. with Brother E. W. Bethany leading the singing. Brother E. E. Krogstad led in prayer. Brother F. D. Davis, superintendent of the Texas District brought the morning message, speaking on the subject, "High Standards for the Ministry," and reading portions of Scripture from Mark 1 and 1 Timothy 6 he emphasized the necessity for a Spirit-filled ministry.

The business meeting opened at 10:15 A. M. Prayer was offered on behalf of the brethren who were in a hospital at Independence, Kansas, as a result of a car accident suffered while they were en route home from the General Council. The minutes of the preceding day's business session were read by the General Secretary and approved.

It was moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted.

Whereas, The theme of this General Council is, "Our Place in the Present World Crisis," and

Whereas, It is the responsibility of the Assemblies of God to maintain spiritual watchcare over our boys in the armed service and to evangelize the unsaved; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this General Council in session devise a plan providing such activities as may be found necessary for the spiritual sustenance of those boys of our local assemblies who are in the armed service and the general evangelization of Army Camps, Naval Bases, and Civilian Conservation Camps in the United States and its possessions.

Mrs. Minna Seaholm, who has been working with the boys in the Civilian Conservation Camps, told of her experiences in working with these boys. Miss Zelma Argue told of the work which she and her father had been engaged in near the Army Camps. Brother Raymond Richey gave helpful suggestions relative to conducting work in and around the Army Camps, the importance of a proper approach, etc. Brother E. W. Bethany told of the periodical, written in the language of the soldier, that their church was publishing and distributing to the boys as they visited Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Brother R. M. Riggs pointed out the challenge presented by the thousands of boys in the camps, that it was not a local situation, but something concerning which the whole organization should take a forward step. Mention was made of the new tracts published by the Gospel Publishing House, which would have special appeal to the boys in the armed forces. Brother Pope suggested that pastors of churches near the Camps send an invitation to the boys in the Camp to visit the church. This invitation should be sent through the Post Chaplain or through the commanding officer. Brother Harry Jaeger told of the work he had been doing among the boys in connection with his evangelistic meetings and stated that he felt it was up to us as a Movement to provide spiritual sustenance for the boys from our local churches stationed at the Camps.

The resolution before the house was adopted with the recommendation that it be committed to the Home Missions Department, and that so far as funds are available they finance the erection of tabernacles to further the gospel work among our armed forces.

The morning meeting adjourned at 12:10 P. M. Brother N. D. Davidson, superintendent of the Arizona District, dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon meeting opened at 2:00 p. m. Brother C. L. Musgrove, pastor at Port Arthur, Texas directed the singing and Brother T. E. Gannon, pastor at Louisville, Kentucky led in prayer. A message on Vacation Bible Schools was brought by Brother Robert Hillegas. He read from the 6th chapter of Deuteronomy and showed the place which Vacation Bible Schools fill in leading the children to a definite acceptance of Christ as their personal Saviour.

Brother McDowell mentioned that some of the brethren had suggested sending flowers, also a telegram of love and sympathy, to the wife of the General Superintendent who was ill and unable to attend the Council. It was moved, seconded, and carried that an offering be taken and that flowers be sent to Mrs. Williams, also to the brethren in the hospital at Independence, Kansas, and to the two Kentucky workers who had been injured in a car accident en route to the General Council, and that whatever was left after sending the flowers be placed in the Aged Ministers' Fund. Baskets were passed and an offering taken for this purpose.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools

Brother Robert Hillegas, chairman of the Sunday School Committee, read the following report.

Your Sunday School Committee wishes to commend all District Sunday School workers, all local superintendents and teachers for the splendid work which they are doing. However, we are conscious of the following definite needs which yet exist in the Sunday Schools of our constituency today.

1. That a clearer conception and a deeper conviction concerning the purpose, objective and advantage of Sunday Schools be conveyed to our pastors, Sunday school superintendents and teachers.

2. That our District Sunday school workers be assisted to a still better discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

3. That the local Sunday school superintendents be assisted to a further realization of the importance of their task and a better accomplishment thereof.

4. That the Sunday school teachers themselves be inspired and trained for the work that is theirs.

We also feel that these needs can be more quickly and efficiently met by the use of capable field representatives from the Gospel Publishing House.

The Sunday School Committee

Robert Hillegas
R. C. Sellers
Paul Pittman

A. F. Berg
R. M. Riggs
M. L. Grable

It was moved, seconded, and carried that this report be accepted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, There are groups of believers who are not yet sufficient in number or strength to form themselves into a sovereign assembly, therefore be it

Resolved, That local assemblies which have not matured sufficiently to accept their full share of responsibility for maintenance of Scriptural order shall be recognized and held under the supervision of the District Presbytery, which shall provide pastoral care and appoint necessary officers, until such time as the assembly gives evidence of sufficient maturity to warrant full recognition of sovereignty. Such assemblies shall be

recognized as having a definite standing in the Assemblies of God fellowship and may be granted letters of recognition by the District at the discretion of the District officer.

It was moved and seconded that Article 19 of our By-laws be amended to allow new business before the election of officers; further that committees be urged to have their reports ready at the beginning of the General Council session. It was felt that our present order of business was in keeping with parliamentary procedure, and therefore the motion was lost.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we cable the Assemblies of God in Great Britain our sincere sympathy and earnest prayers for them in this hour of their national and personal trial.

It was moved and seconded that the following recommendation be adopted.

Recognizing the dying interest of evangelism to the churches, which is evidenced by our older and stronger evangelists now accepting calls as pastors, we recommend that this be emphasized before this body and recommendation be considered to stimulate and revive interest in this God-given ministry to the more successful spread of the gospel. There is a recognized need of a propaganda paper of sufficient size to carry messages of salvation, healing, the near return of Jesus and the importance of a Spirit-filled life, therefore we recommend that the brethren at headquarters be authorized to publish such a paper.

It was suggested that this recommendation be turned over as a suggestion to the Gospel Publishing House unless the sponsor of the resolution definitely wished it to come before the house for consideration. The sponsor of the resolution, Brother H. E. Hardt, gave his reasons for preparing this recommendation, stating that he felt there was a need of such a publication to be used in connection with evangelism—a paper suitable for distribution in railway stations, etc.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the recommendation be amended by eliminating the preamble. There was some discussion concerning the word "propaganda" in an endeavor to substitute a more fitting word. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the recommendation before the house be referred to the Resolutions Committee for editing.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the following pledge from the young people of our General Council fellowship be accepted, entered upon the records of the General Council and published in the Pentecostal Evangel.

Resolved, that the ministers and workers of the younger generation of the Assemblies of God do hereby desire to express their devoted affection to our elder brethren of the Council who through much sacrifice, study, prayer, and spiritual leadership, bound up in expression by the Constitution and Bylaws, have given to us a glorious spiritual heritage, thus creating a spiritual fellowship which we as a younger generation are now inheriting. We further say that by the grace of God we will endeavor to carry on in like manner as you have set an example for us, to guard by consistent, holy, devoted living the standards of this blessed fellowship and, should Jesus tarry, to pass on to the generation that will follow.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, For many years we have been helped and inspired by the writing ministry of our brethren at Springfield, and

"Whereas, These brethren have labored faithfully, therefore be it

"Resolved, That this General Council give an expression of its appreciation for the brethren who have given their lives to a ministry of writing the gospel, such as Brothers Frodsham, Robinson, Pearlman, etc."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Minneapolis Star Journal, the Minneapolis Morning Tribune, the Minneapolis Times, and the Associated Press for carrying news accounts of the meetings of the convention; to Mr. Elwood Maunder of the Minneapolis Star Journal, and to Mr. Ralph Mills of the Minneapolis Morning Tribune, and to Mr. Frank Murray of the Minneapolis Times for their co-operation in gathering news of the happenings; also to Mr. Lyman McKee and Mr. Preston Reed, photographers for the Journal and Tribune; to Mr. Cedric Adams, radio news analyst, for reading news accounts of the meeting handed him; to the Rev. Carl F. Zeitlow of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for volunteering effort in arranging, and radio time in giving an interview to one of our representatives over WCCO in his weekly broadcast when the history and growth of this Movement was discussed. Be it also

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of these mentioned."

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the General Council of the Assemblies of God convened in its Nineteenth Biennial Conference at Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 4 to 11, 1941, desires to express its deep and sincere appreciation for the kind and generous hospitality extended by the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Minneapolis; also its sincere thanks for the lovely floral tribute to the organization at the entrance of the Municipal Auditorium and for the kindly consideration shown by the Police Department. Be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, and to the Chief of Police."

The recommendation which had been referred to the Resolutions Committee for editing was read by the chairman of the committee and adopted. The recommendation is as follows:

"Whereas, For the more successful spread of the gospel, there is a recognized need for a paper of sufficient size to carry messages of salvation, healing, the near return of Jesus, and the importance of a Spirit-filled life, which can be used to spread our full gospel among those not now being reached by our present publications, therefore we recommend that the brethren at headquarters be authorized to publish such a paper."

The following resolution was adopted.

"Resolved, That we extend a vote of appreciation to Brother F. J. Lindquist, superintendent of the North Central District, and his coworkers, to the members and officers of the District, and to the pastors and congregations of the Twin City Assemblies for their cordial hospitality extended to the nineteenth biennial session of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and we pray God's richest blessing upon all as this Council draws to a close."

The General Superintendent remarked, "This expression on paper is not only a formality, but it is from our hearts. We do appreciate the great amount of work done by those brethren and the beautiful spirit of love and cooperation we have enjoyed in this General Council."

Brother Leonard Palmer, chairman of the Roster Committee, submitted the final report of the committee. The total registration at the desk of the Roster Committee at 4:00 P. M., September 10 was 3,624.

Ordained ministers	952
Canadian ministers	7
Licensed ministers	144
Foreign missionaries	69
Lay church delegates	136
Visitors	2,319
Voting delegation	1,157

The total registration at Springfield, Missouri, two years ago, at the close of the registration was 2,944 while the total at this Council is 3,624, or a gain of 680 persons.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report of the Roster Committee be accepted and that they be dismissed with sincere, heartfelt appreciation for their splendid work.

The chairman of the Resolutions Committee mentioned that there were some resolutions which it had not been possible to present, but that these would be turned over to the General Secretary who would take up these matters through the medium of the quarterly letter to the ministers.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Executive Presbytery be authorized to edit, correct, and publish the minutes of this General Council and to mail a copy of the same to each minister and missionary in the fellowship and that any unfinished business be left in the hands of the Executive Presbytery.

A standing vote of appreciation was extended to Brother and Sister Fred Henry, Brother Lorne Fox, Brother Einar Waermo, the Pulpit Committee, and all who contributed to the General Council session.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the Nineteenth Biennial General Council adjourn with thanks to God for His wonderful presence and His help in all the deliberations. Adjourned at 5:00 P. M. with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer by the General Superintendent.

Our Heavenly Father, we praise Thee for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and for Thy love and grace and blessing which has been resting upon us. We pray that as we come to the close of this General Council and look out into the future that Thou wilt go with each one of Thy people as we journey homeward, and continue to encourage our hearts in God. Bless the work of our hands as we plan for the future in relationship to our children, the young people, the boys in the camps with military responsibilities, for those in the various activities

of life, in this changing and uncertain world. May Thy presence be with us. Anoint us by Thy Spirit. Bless us and make us a blessing. Remember our nation and those in places of responsibility. We pray that the good hand of God may be upon them all, and that we may continue to enjoy the freedom that we now have to worship God in Spirit and in truth. Watch over us and preserve us in Thy keeping, as we commit ourselves to Thy loving care, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Report of the Executive Presbytery

*Covering all departments operating under the supervision
of the Executive Presbytery for two years
beginning August 1, 1939 and ending
July 31, 1941*

From the very beginning, when the General Council of the Assemblies of God was formed in Hot Springs, Arkansas in the year 1914, service to the fellowship motivated the creation of the central office. The spirit of service found expression first of all in the publication of a periodical devoted to the propagation of the Pentecostal message of full salvation in Christ. The coordination of missionary effort was also looked upon as a distinct and necessary feature of service to all our co-operating assemblies. The vision included schools devoted to the preparation and training of our young people for further service in both home and foreign fields.

This spirit of service has been the motive underlying all the activities of the central office in Springfield, Missouri throughout the years that have followed. During the past two years, since the last General Council in 1939, this spirit of service has reached the highest point of effectiveness ever known in the history of the Assemblies of God. Great progress has been made in every department with resultant gain in every district in the United States of America and every field occupied by our missionaries in foreign lands. The reports that follow will confirm this statement.

The executive officers have been able to respond to requests for ministry in almost every district in the fellowship. At times three and even four officers have been ministering in widely divergent sections of the fellowship at the same time. The routine duties of the office have been continued by faithful, efficient assistants while the executive officer is away from home ministering in a district council, camp meeting or convention. Some

districts do not feel satisfied unless they can secure the presence of one of the headquarters brethren at their camp meetings or district councils, and the brethren have been responsive to requests for their presence during the past two years to a greater degree than ever before.

The records of the office show that the General Superintendent has been present at district councils in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, New Mexico, Texas, Illinois, Oregon, Southern California, the West Central and the Central Districts. He has also ministered in conventions and camp meetings in Cleveland (Ohio), North Dakota, Minnesota, California, Arizona, West Florida, Tulsa, Chicago, Seattle, Enid (Oklahoma), Atlanta (Georgia), Southern California, Montana, Rocky Mountain District, Oregon, etc.

The Assistant General Superintendent has conducted seventy-six missionary conventions in which both home and foreign missions have been emphasized; he has visited sixteen district councils, twenty-two conventions and camp meetings and nine Bible schools. He has also visited fifty-seven assemblies and participated in the dedication of two churches.

Awakening to the need of systematically covering a district with missionary conventions, some districts have arranged for the services of both the Assistant General Superintendent and the Missionary Secretary for this purpose. These conventions have been conducted in key assemblies throughout the district, so that all the assemblies in a district may benefit from them. Each convention is of two to three days' duration, so that two conventions are held each week until the district is covered. The conventions held in the West and Northwest during the past two years have been of noteworthy accomplishment in the increase of missionary interest and giving.

While the duties of his office do not permit the General Secretary to accept many calls for field ministry, he has been privileged to be present at district councils and camp meetings in Southern California, New Mexico,

West Florida, Alabama, Missouri, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. These personal contacts with the brethren on the field are counted as a great privilege inasmuch as they permit the executive brethren to acquire a practical acquaintance with local and district problems, thus enabling them to render more effective service to the fellowship.

During the summer months the principal and faculty members of Central Bible Institute have also been enabled to accept invitations to camp meetings and conventions in various sections of the country, and these opportunities have been appreciated by them.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

Ordained Ministers

At the close of the fiscal year of 1939 the records of the General Secretary carried the names of 3,592 ordained ministers. At the close of the fiscal year of 1941, the list had grown to 4,159 ministers, a net gain of 567, or 15.49%. Since the last General Council 823 ordained ministers have been added to our ministerial list, and 256 names have been removed. Of this number, 53 withdrew, 27 were dropped for various reasons, 118 failed to renew their fellowship (or were not recommended by their districts for renewal) and 55 had passed on to be with the Lord. For the two years ending July 31, 1939 the net gain was 506 ministers, while the net gain for the past two years was 567 ministers, which indicates an increase of 61 ministers over the gain of the previous two-year period.

Contribution From Our Bible Schools

A survey of the Bible schools indicates that Bible school graduates have been finding an outlet in the ministry both in home and foreign fields in large numbers. Incomplete reports indicate that approximately fifty per cent of all Bible school graduates become engaged in active Christian work. It is known that 1200 graduates have entered the ministry in home fields and about 250 have entered foreign service. The total enrollment in all cooperating Bible schools in the year 1940 was

1,708, in the year 1941, 1,754. Graduates for the year 1940 numbered 340 and for the year 1941, 345, or a total of 685 graduates for the two years. These figures indicate that our Bible schools are supplying a large contribution to the ministry in the Assemblies of God.

Assemblies and Membership

The following record of the number of assemblies and membership is in all probability the most accurate of reports so far published. The district secretaries have been most cooperative in furnishing every assistance to the office of the General Secretary to enable us to arrive at an accurate estimate of the total number of assemblies in the fellowship of the Assemblies of God, and the membership of each assembly. We are including in this list those churches which count themselves a part of the fellowship, which have never asked for nor obtained a proper letter of affiliation from the General Council office, together with those assemblies which are still in a formative stage and are being cared for by district supervision until of sufficient maturity to warrant full recognition of sovereignty.

At the close of the fiscal year in 1939 the number of assemblies reported was 3,496. At the close of the fiscal year of 1941, the list had grown to 4,348 assemblies, a gain of 852, or 24.37%. This is a wonderful gain, occasioned largely by the home missions efforts of the district councils, supplemented by definite assistance from the Home Missions Department of the General Council, concerning which more will be reported later.

Church membership has also shown a marked gain, for the present figure, computed at the close of the fiscal year in 1941, stands at 209,549, whereas the total number at the close of the fiscal year in 1939 was 184,022. This is a gain of 25,527, or 13.87%. We should be humbly thankful to the Lord for this evidence of His continued blessing upon us.

More Than Double in Ten Years

The most amazing information is revealed by a computation of numbers gained during the past ten years.

In the year 1931, 1,851 ordained ministers were reported. This year we are able to report a total of 4,159 ordained ministers, an increase of 2,308, or 124.68%. Assemblies numbering 2,030 with a total membership of 101,093 were reported in the year 1931, whereas we are now able to report 4,349 assemblies with a membership of 209,549, a gain of 2,318 assemblies or 114.18% and an increase in membership of 108,456, or 107.28%.

Increase in All Districts

Four hundred eighty assemblies have applied for and received a letter of recognition and affiliation issued by the office of the General Secretary. These assemblies are found in every district in the following ratio:

<i>District</i>	<i>Number Churches</i>
Alabama	18
Appalachian	2
Arizona	9
Arkansas	47
Central	24
Eastern	24
Georgia-South Carolina	10
German Branch	1
Illinois	15
Kansas	8
Kentucky	3
Latin American	22
Louisiana	14
Mississippi	6
Montana	2
Nebraska	7
New England	6
New Mexico	7
North Central	9
North Dakota	1
Northern California-Nevada	12
Northwest	22
Oklahoma	74

Oregon	7
Potomac	5
Rocky Mountain	14
South Dakota	1
South Florida	5
Southern California	24
Southern Missouri	8
Tennessee	6
Texas	42
West Central	13
West Texas	4
Wisconsin-North Michigan	8
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Total	480

In addition to the above, there are a large number of new assemblies being brought into existence as a result of definite home missions effort, which are listed in the office of the General Secretary, but which are still in a formative stage, and therefore have not as yet received full recognition of sovereignty.

Home Missions Department

More progress has been made through definite home missions effort during the past two years than at any time in the history of the fellowship. Previous to that time, such profits as were derived from the business of the Gospel Publishing House were turned back into the headquarters work for the purpose of enlarging the publishing plant, erecting new buildings and equipping them for Central Bible Institute, etc. Two years ago it was found possible to turn our attention to the field, inasmuch, as the equipment at headquarters seemed to be adequate for the present at least. A plan was adopted therefore to distribute among the districts a large share of the profits of the Gospel Publishing House, based on the amount of business received from each district. In addition to this, appropriations were made for special help to the weaker districts which could not hope for sufficient help to meet their needs from the regular distribution. From these two sources approximately \$50,000 have been

turned back into the districts during the past two years to be expended for the opening of new assemblies. The realization of this objective in service is like a dream come true. It has been the hope of the brethren at headquarters who have been serving the fellowship from the very beginning that the day would arrive when definite and substantial help could be given to the districts to assist them in the spread of this glorious Pentecostal message. That hope is now realized.

Not only have our districts benefited from this new home missions policy, but the Home Missions Department has undertaken the care of the work of the Assemblies of God in Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands. Work in behalf of the Jews, the American Indians, and in Military Camps is also flourishing under this department. Definite results have been realized among the American Indians in Arizona, Oklahoma, and Washington, a number of Apache Indians having been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in recent months.

Loans to Churches

It was with regret that applications for loans to assist churches in building programs had to be rejected during the past years, and therefore it was with great joy the brethren discovered that it is now possible to create a fund out of which loans to churches can be made. The plan was begun on a small scale, loans of not more than \$300 being granted to any church, and the total amount restricted to a definite sum. As the plan progressed, it was found the assemblies as a whole have been most cooperative and, for the most part, very faithful in meeting their obligations until the loan has been repaid. Therefore, the total amount to be loaned has been increased so that up to the present time a total of \$39,180.11 has been loaned in small sums to 146 assemblies. These loans have been distributed among the districts as follows:

Alabama	10
Arizona	3
Arkansas	3
Georgia-South Carolina	7

Illinois	1
Kansas	26
Kentucky	2
Louisiana	1
Mississippi	1
Montana	2
Nebraska	8
New Mexico	2
North Central	2
Northwest	4
Oklahoma	2
Oregon	2
Rocky Mountain	9
South Dakota	2
South Florida	4
Southern Missouri	21
Tennessee	6
Texas	8
West Central	12
West Florida	1
West Texas	4
Wisconsin	3

District officers, availing themselves of this further service provided through the central office, have been jubilant in their words of commendation, looking upon the revolving church extension fund as another help in their home missions program.

It was determined to keep the cost of administering this fund down to the minimum and therefore all loans to churches have been made on a basis of four per cent interest per annum. The interest received is barely sufficient to cover clerical help and the heavy correspondence necessary for the handling of the monthly payments.

Financial Aid to Bible Schools

Many of the Bible schools sponsored by district councils have found it difficult to meet financial obligations for buildings and equipment. It was natural that the district brethren should look to the executive office for assistance, if assistance was available. For a long time

the executive office turned a deaf ear to all pleas for financial aid on the ground that no authority had been granted by the General Council to use Council funds for district Bible schools. As pressure increased, it was finally decided that if funds are available, the brethren of the General Council would approve of giving aid to the district Bible schools. On this assumption, the following loans were made:

Great Lakes Bible Institute	\$ 712.37
Kentucky District for the Mountain Bible School	2,500.00
Eastern District for Eastern Bible Institute	10,000.00
North Central District for North Central Bible Institute	10,000.00
Alabama District for Southeastern Bible Institute	850.00
Southern California District for the Southern California Bible College	5,000.00
Texas District for South Central Bible Institute	9,175.00
Mississippi District for tabernacle on District Camp Ground	500.00
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	\$38,737.37

These loans have been made at a small rate of interest. While some payments have been received from some of the schools, it is with regret we must report that the Bible schools have found it difficult to keep up regular payments both on the principal amount of the loan as well as interest. If any means can be found by the Districts to assist the Bible schools to meet their financial obligations, such will be welcomed by the members of the Executive Presbytery.

Headquarters Fellowship Fund

It was a recognized fact for years that offerings from our ministers were inadequate to meet the expense of conducting the General Council office. It has been the policy,

therefore, to draw upon the profits of the Gospel Publishing House to supplement the offerings from ministers, so that all expenses may be fully covered. When it was decided to disburse the profits of the Publishing House to definite purposes, no provision was made for any deficits in the General Council office. Our brethren, however, have been awakening to the need of paying their monthly dues on the agreed-upon plan, and therefore the offerings from ministers have been increasing. We are happy to report that during the years 1940-41, offerings from ministers have been adequate to meet all expenses with the exception of office space, light, heat, telephone, etc., which have been supplied by the Gospel Publishing House. The offerings received for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1940 amounted to \$21,265.77, and for the year ending July 31, 1941, \$27,064.64. The average amount received from each minister during the past year was \$6.50, whereas the average amount from each minister for 1939 was \$5.83. We feel much encouraged over this increase in offerings from our ordained ministers, and that there has been no need to ask for a special appropriation from the Gospel Publishing House to meet a deficit in the executive office.

As the fellowship has grown the expense of conducting the executive office has increased. Three executive officers receive their support from this fund. Two office assistants have been employed full time, and as many as three and four have been employed in rush seasons. The expense of handling the ministers' benevolent fund has been borne entirely by the executive office so that all offerings for our older ministers have been disbursed on a 100% basis. It is highly imperative, therefore, that our brethren continue to send their offering of \$1.00 per month in order that the executive office may continue to serve the fellowship with business-like efficiency.

Ministers' Benevolent Fund

The number of beneficiaries receiving help from the ministers' benevolent fund has been increasing steadily during the past two years. We have continued to present

this need to our brethren twice a year, in accord with the original plan, and the response from ministers and assemblies has been good. A total of sixty-four ministers are now receiving regular help from the fund. The total amount of offerings received and disbursed during the two-year period ending July 31, 1941 is as follows:

Year ending July 31, 1940, Received \$11,928.88.
Disbursed \$14,149.00.

Year ending July 31, 1941, Received \$17,911.96.
Disbursed \$18,564.00.

The amount given to these older ministers has been greater than the amount of offerings received, the difference being made up from the appropriation from the Gospel Publishing House.

It will be necessary to continue sending semi-annual offerings for the perpetuation of this service to our older ministers, and therefore we urge that every minister and assembly respond to the appeals which are made semi-annually.

Explanation of Financial Statement

The financial statement has been prepared by the Southwest Audit and Systems Company and is a combined statement of all assets and liabilities of all departments of the General Council, including the Executive Office, the Gospel Publishing House, the Foreign Missions Department, and Central Bible Institute. Cash on hand and in banks is the amount used as working capital in the various departments.

In addition to the buildings and equipment used by the Gospel Publishing House and Central Bible Institute, it will be noted that current assets include bonds, stocks, notes receivable, etc. These assets have been purchased to secure the annuities issued by the General Council office in conformity with the laws governing the issuance of annuities. Upon the death of an annuitant, such funds as have been invested are released to be applied to the work of the Lord in home and foreign lands. Only through the holding of sound securities can interest be realized for the payment of interest due on annuity contracts.

The Gospel Publishing House again is able to report a substantial profit on its business for the year just closed. It is probable that due to the increasing cost of raw materials, it will not be possible to divide the profits of the Publishing House in future years on the same basis as that adopted for 1939 and 1940. The Executive Office recommends, however, that for this year at least, the profits of the Publishing House be divided and disbursed on the same plan adopted for the disposal of this fund in 1939. This plan will permit a substantial gift to each district for the purpose of furthering the district home missions program.

In behalf of the Executive Presbytery, the above report is respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent
Fred Vogler, Assistant General Superintendent
J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary-Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

August 18, 1941

General Council of the Assemblies of God
Springfield, Missouri
Gentlemen:

In accordance with our engagement, we have made an audit of your books and records for the period beginning August 1, 1939 and ending July 31, 1941; and we herewith present our report, which is outlined in the preceding index.

Certificate

We have made a general audit of the books and records of the GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD for the period beginning August 1, 1939 and ending July 31, 1941 and

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the Cash Receipts and Disbursements as shown by the records are properly accounted for, and that the investment securities and cash balances as of July 31, 1941 were verified by count or properly authenticated certificates; and further, that, in our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet as of July 31, 1941 and the Statement of Income and Expenses beginning August 1, 1939 and ending July 31, 1941 are correct.

SOUTHWEST AUDIT AND SYSTEMS COMPANY
By Henry A. Haas

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JULY 31, 1941

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash on Hand and in Bank:		
*General Council	\$ 22,477.70	
Gospel Publishing House	92,257.84	
Central Bible Institute.....	10,895.92	
Mission Department	117,062.78	\$197,738.84
*Deficit		
Checks Held for Collection and Postage		1,014.42
Notes and Accounts Re- ceivable	\$ 53,550.46	
Less Reserve for Doubtful Notes and Accounts.....	13,305.82	40,244.64
Accrued Interest Receivable		1,729.48
Inventories		92,331.93
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Total Current Assets		\$ 333,059.31

Investments:

Bonds	\$110,346.16	
Stocks:		
Preferred	44,259.90	
Building and Loan As- sociations	20,000.00	
Common	53,053.34	
Life Insurance Annuities....	16,871.42	
Notes Receivable	153,140.39	
Residential Real Estate	51,272.74	
Other Investments	4,547.39	
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Total Investments....		\$ 453,491.34

Fixed Assets:

	Cost	Depreciation	Book Value
Land	\$ 18,391.58	\$	\$ 18,391.58
Buildings	371,774.10	123,240.49	248,533.61
Machinery and Equipment	148,457.05	87,256.94	61,200.11
Furniture and Fixtures	80,247.57	54,585.13	25,662.44
Type and Metal Autos and	13,478.40	4,857.04	8,621.36
Trucks	5,804.87	4,085.65	1,719.22
Gas Plant	2,833.30	708.35	2,124.95
Heating Plant	18,883.50	4,822.53	14,060.97

Sewer	1,150.39		1,150.39
Water System	13,542.66	2,164.77	11,377.89

Total Fixed Assets\$674,563.42	\$281,720.90	\$392,842.52	\$ 392,842.52
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Deferred Charges:				
Unexpired Insurance		\$ 4,502.83		
General Council and Camp Meeting Equipment		2,113.91		
Supplies		5,924.91		
Reference Books		756.47		
Total Deferred Charges			\$ 13,298.12	

Total Assets			\$1,192,691.29	
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,036.21			
Refunds Unredeemed	1,362.07			
Accrued Payroll	7,044.90			
Reserve for Royalty	2,589.45			
Individual Savings Account (C. B. I.)	1,856.71			
Students' Accounts, 1941-42	364.50			
Accrued Interest Payable	1,464.07			
Total Current Liabilities..			\$ 22,717.91	

Other Liabilities:				
Unearned Subscriptions.....	\$ 29,067.53			
Other Accounts	9,300.48			
Total Other Liabilities....			38,368.01	

Annuity Bonds Outstanding Funds:			127,004.43	
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General Fund	\$747,035.22			
Ministers' Benevolent Fund	28,919.72			
Employees' Benefit Fund	8,885.31			
Traveling Expense Fund...	1,815.47			
Church Revolving Fund...	50,000.00			
Special Need Fund.....	8,386.64			
Students Fund	1,196.24			

Mission Department Funds:				
Foreign Missions, Designated	\$132,675.64			

Foreign Missions, Undesignated	5,921.73	
Foreign Missions, Admr. or Special Need.....	4,374.05	
Home Missions, Designated	2,126.62	
Home Missions, Undesignated	7,718.91	
Home Missions, Extension	237.10	
Home Missions, Loan	500.00	
Office Expense Fund	400.53	
Death Benefit	4,407.76	158,362.34
Total Funds		<u>\$1,004,600.94</u>
Total Liabilities and Funds		<u>\$1,192,691.29</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES,
AUGUST 1, 1939 TO JULY 31, 1941

Income:		
General Council	\$ 48,381.55	
Income From Investments	21,098.55	
Mission Department		
Income	\$ 33,327.82	
Transfer from Special Need Fund	11,151.25	44,479.07
Central Bible Institute....	108,975.60	
Gospel Publishing House	865,080.38	
Total Income.....		<u>\$1,088,015.15</u>
Expenses:		
General Council	\$ 38,338.94	
Investment Expenses	9,376.78	
Mission Department	44,479.07	
Central Bible Institute.....	90,086.63	
Gospel Publishing House....	640,751.04	
Total Expenses		<u>823,032.46</u>
Net Income Before Charging Depreciation		<u>\$ 264,982.69</u>
Depreciation on Buildings and Equipment:		
Central Bible Institute....	\$ 24,831.47	

Gospel Publishing House	32,100.06	
Total Depreciation		56,931.53
Net Income		<u>\$ 208,051.16</u>
Distribution as Follows:		
Church Revolving Fund	\$ 45,000.00	
Special Need Fund	9,896.64	
Foreign Missions Admr. or Special Needs Fund....	29,689.93	
Home Missions Undesignated	29,689.93	
Missionaries Retirement Fund	9,896.64	
Ministers' Benevolent Fund	19,793.28	
Distribution to District.....	39,571.13	
Net Increase in General Fund	24,513.61	
Total		<u>\$ 208,051.16</u>

Report of Foreign Missions Department

Our report for this General Council meeting covers a period of the most epoch-making world events since the Holy Spirit was outpoured on the Day of Pentecost. In those days the Christian church was faced with persecution and martyrdom, yet today with the wide sweep of anti-Christian forces, the early sufferings of the church though severe appear small in comparison with the hundreds of thousands of Christians who at this time face fiery ordeals in trials of faith. We have in mind primarily our Christian friends in countries where freedom in religious worship is greatly restricted, if not entirely forbidden. Tens of thousands of ministers and devoted Christians today are languishing in concentration camps. Thousands of others have faced death and are among the souls of those who wait for the time when their faith and our Lord will be vindicated before the world.

Naturally opportunities for service, though still beyond our ability to meet, are not as widely extended as they were formerly.

The Closed Doors

Some doors have long been closed to Christian missionary work, and many others have been shut at least temporarily while the war continues. We no longer can send missionaries to Europe, although reports filter through telling of native pastors continuing faithful in their witness, while many others no doubt have been killed. There are still a few of our Council ministers in Europe—two located in Greece from whom nothing has been heard since the German armies occupied that land, and one other who is in Germany but expecting to leave in the near future.

Other missionaries in Iraq, Syria and French West Africa have been subject to difficulty and some danger, but thus far only an insignificant number have actually left the mission field because of war conditions. Those who have returned home have done so only when it seemed they could no longer help, while in some cases their remaining would actually have brought suspicion and added danger to the native Christians.

The general note in our missionaries' letters is not for sympathy, withdrawal or release from duty, but for prayer that their strength and spiritual powers may be equal to the task and that they may carry on in spite of conditions. Many report that increasing tension has not resulted in diminished interest but in many cases assembly halls are filled as never before.

The Open Doors

Our Council ministers and missionaries are still continuing their ministry in 43 different lands outside of the United States, although subject to restrictions in some territories. These lands are as follows: Belgian Congo, Egypt, Tanganyika, Nigeria, Gold Coast, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Transvaal, China, Tibetan Border, Manchukuo, Burma Border, Japan, India, Ceylon, Philippine Islands, Fiji Islands, Samoa, Hawaiian Islands, Bahamas, Straits Settlements, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Chile,

Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Transjordan, and Greece. Other fields such as Mongolia, Borneo and Iran, though not occupied by missionary workers, have assemblies pastored by native preachers and are under the supervision of our missionaries.

In these lands reports which unfortunately are incomplete indicate that there are 1,420 assemblies and meeting places, 1,230 native workers, and 394 appointed missionaries and Council ministers engaged in missionary work. Other fields of service are opening to us and by the help of the Lord we are hoping to make new advances into other sections of Latin America and possibly the Netherlands East Indies. The Christian constituency represented by these missionary activities is approximately 60,000, although this figure would be greatly increased if we should include the Pentecostal Christians gathered in by associated workers of other Pentecostal bodies such as those in Brazil and Chile.

In spite of war conditions during the past two years dating from last General Council, 104 of our missionaries have crossed the ocean 54 of these being new appointees. All but 4 reached their destination. These four, being passengers on the ill-fated *SS Zamzam*, were sent back to America but still look forward to going out when opportunity is afforded.

Ten of our missionaries have been promoted to higher service:

Dorothy Ganz, South India—September, 1939

Mrs. J. J. Mueller, North India—October 7, 1939

Mrs. Nettie D. Nichols, North China—July 20, 1940

A. Elizabeth Brown, Palestine—August 4, 1940

Mrs. John Warton, Syria—August 24, 1940

C. F. Juergensen, Japan—August 29, 1940

Mrs. C. W. Doney, Egypt—September 18, 1940

Mrs. Sydney Bryant, North India—October 25, 1940

Ernest P. Lindholm, Belgian Congo—November 26, 1940

Mrs. J. M. Perkins, Liberia—March 9, 1941.

Missionary Offerings

Many additional financial obligations have been placed upon our Missions Department since war conditions devel-

oped, such as increased living costs and ocean fares which have in many cases more than doubled. With the added need God has graciously helped in the supply through the faithful co-operation of friends and assemblies. The total receipts for home and foreign missions during the two year period ending July 31, 1941 amounted to \$1,099,620.16. This is an increase of \$322,180.54 or 41% over the previous two years and sets another high record well above the goal we set for ourselves at the last Council meeting. If we add to this figure the amount reported as given direct we have a grand total of \$1,203,672.25 given for home and foreign missionary work. The per capita giving of our membership is \$2.56 per year or 21c per month. The average monthly offering of all assemblies is \$10.42. Included in our total is \$59,103.10 which was designated for non-Council missionaries and was forwarded to them without charge. In addition \$4,551.07 has been given to Pentecostal missionaries from European countries whose support has been affected by the war. These missionaries laboring in many foreign lands are from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany and Great Britain. In addition considerable sums of money have been forwarded for relief of destitute Christians and refugees.

A much greater demand than ever before has been made upon the services of the Missions Department. War conditions have necessitated a close watch being kept over the welfare of our missionaries particularly those located in lands directly affected by the war. In many instances our only sure means of communication is by cable and where banks are not functioning normally funds have to be transmitted through various commercial agencies operating in foreign lands with offices in the United States. Funds may not be sent to a large number of countries until special license has been secured from the Department of State, and this license has to be re-issued for each remittance, thus in many cases we have established reserve funds on the mission field from which the missionaries may draw in the event of emergency or delay in our being able to get the regular remittances

through. Thousands of letters have been sent from the Missions Department to contributors seeking help and cooperation in meeting the many needs before us, and we thank God that the result has been most gratifying. None of the money sent for the missionaries' needs is used in the office expense which includes not only the support of the office staff but expense of postage, cables, printing, missionary publicity material etc. These expense items must be cared for from offerings designated for office expense.

Over 180 missionaries have only a small part of their support provided from designated offerings but through the services of the Missions Department those who otherwise would have lacked have had steady and a reasonable living allowance as well as the supply of many other needs.

Prayer requests: Special needs and other problems of our missionary force have been sympathetically cared for and through our mail contacts thousands of friends are informed of these needs and often the burdens are thereby lifted and missionaries caused to rejoice.

The purchasing of supplies, arranging of steamship transportation and negotiating with governmental authorities also are included in the many activities of the Missions Department.

We regret that there are 878 assemblies who have not reported giving anything to missions. Of this number 582 are regularly affiliated with the General Council and the remainder are listed in our files as co-operative assemblies, that is to say they consider themselves one in spirit and doctrine with the General Council.

The assemblies leading in missionary giving are as follows:

New York City, Glad Tidings Tabernacle	\$32,071.13
Cleveland, Ohio, Pentecostal Church	25,155.38
Los Angeles, Calif., Bethel Temple	19,176.30
Philadelphia, Pa., Highway Mission Tabernacle	14,211.39
Minneapolis, Minn., Gospel Tabernacle	12,048.79
Springfield, Mo., Central Assembly of God	11,284.81
Battle Creek, Mich., Church of the Four Fold Gospel	9,091.79
Tacoma, Wash., Pentecostal Tabernacle	8,007.21

Wilmington, Del., Calvary Pentecostal Church	7,673.20
Lancaster, Pa., First Pentecostal Church	6,201.54

The average monthly offering from each assembly according to states is as follows:

District of Columbia \$86.36	Idaho	5.64
Delaware	Colorado	5.41
German Branch	South Carolina	5.19
New York	Vermont	4.88
Rhode Island	South Dakota	4.61
Ohio	Iowa	4.25
Minnesota	Nevada	4.13
Connecticut	Nebraska	4.11
Pennsylvania	Arizona	3.97
Michigan	Texas	3.86
California	Florida	3.80
Washington	Oklahoma	3.39
New Jersey	Georgia	3.39
Massachusetts	Wyoming	3.33
Maryland	Kentucky	3.29
Illinois	West Virginia	2.97
Kansas	New Hampshire	2.27
Virginia	North Carolina	2.27
Indiana	Tennessee	2.23
Wisconsin	New Mexico	1.96
Oregon	Alabama	1.92
Montana	Arkansas	1.80
North Dakota	Mississippi	1.71
Missouri	Louisiana	1.41
Maine		

The amount contributed for Foreign Missions by the various States is as follows:

	1939-1940	1940-1941	August 1939 to July 1941 (Inclusive)
California	\$64,848.12	\$79,265.49	\$144,113.61
Pennsylvania	36,705.14	45,128.47	81,833.61
Washington	33,449.74	42,451.61	75,901.35
Ohio	33,525.30	42,179.65	75,704.95
New York	31,103.37	35,165.70	66,269.07
Missouri	34,219.35	24,110.87	58,330.22
Miscellaneous	8,821.50	48,893.79	57,715.29
Michigan	20,730.35	28,545.14	49,275.49
Illinois	21,912.02	27,019.08	48,931.10
Texas	19,444.51	24,317.08	43,815.59
Oklahoma	14,063.76	18,358.70	32,422.46
Minnesota	13,921.45	16,665.37	30,586.82
Kansas	12,213.14	15,383.19	27,596.33
Legacies	8,540.25	18,075.72	26,615.97

Oregon	11,600.92	14,325.45	25,926.37
New Jersey	9,728.99	14,974.59	24,703.58
Wisconsin	10,704.14	9,914.57	20,618.71
Colorado	6,944.89	8,415.44	15,360.33
Dist. Columbia	5,371.03	8,672.18	14,043.21
Arkansas	7,003.81	6,878.99	13,882.80
Montana	6,451.68	6,350.90	12,802.58
Indiana	5,150.20	7,460.08	12,610.28
Maryland	6,086.14	6,162.79	12,248.93
Iowa	5,379.10	6,704.95	12,084.05
Nebraska	5,157.49	5,307.90	10,465.39
Florida	4,599.40	5,744.67	10,344.07
Virginia	4,628.92	5,525.78	10,154.70
Massachusetts	4,258.72	5,795.62	10,054.34
Delaware	3,977.90	5,711.47	9,689.37
North Dakota	3,443.83	4,953.32	8,397.15
Idaho	3,926.06	4,370.17	8,296.23
Connecticut	2,704.72	4,257.50	6,962.22
South Dakota	3,168.16	3,186.16	6,354.32
Arizona	2,210.11	2,352.25	4,562.36
Alabama	1,960.05	2,168.42	4,128.47
Canada	1,790.92	2,115.02	3,905.94
Kentucky	1,747.35	2,151.52	3,898.87
Georgia	1,746.50	2,125.47	3,871.97
West Virginia	1,777.27	2,050.79	3,828.06
Tennessee	1,292.39	1,476.69	2,769.08
Wyoming	971.35	1,674.54	2,645.89
Maine	882.33	1,682.97	2,565.30
New Mexico	913.51	1,538.76	2,452.27
Nevada	1,372.42	869.95	2,242.37
Louisiana	852.44	1,107.61	1,960.05
Mississippi	786.59	1,131.47	1,918.06
North Carolina	877.74	1,022.17	1,899.91
German Branch		1,866.85	1,866.85
South Carolina	1,021.09	793.33	1,814.42
Rhode Island	665.73	915.08	1,580.81
Foreign	737.19	385.29	1,122.48
New Hampshire	367.35	655.51	1,022.86
Vermont	161.04	180.80	341.84
Alaska	10.75	176.71	187.46
Utah	13.95	15.56	29.51
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Foreign Missions	\$485,942.17	\$628,783.15	\$1,114,725.32
Less amounts given di- rect or designated for office expense	48,623.66	55,428.43	104,052.09
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Amount received for Foreign Missions	\$437,318.51	\$573,354.72	\$1,010,673.23

Amount received for			
Home Missions	\$41,169.79	\$47,777.14	\$88,946.93
Total amount received	\$478,488.30	\$621,131.86	\$1,099,620.16

In addition to the State totals for Foreign Missions, the following amounts have been given to the Districts for Home Missions through the World Mission Plan:

North Central District	\$7,615.73
Southern Missouri District	3,981.02
Kansas District	2,709.59
Central District	2,425.70
Texas District	2,334.96
Wisconsin and North Michigan District	2,186.54
Oklahoma District	1,846.87
North Dakota District	1,568.85
Illinois District	1,536.05
Southern California District	1,418.13
Northern California District	1,417.13
South Dakota District	1,373.12
West Central District	845.44
Montana District	808.72
Arkansas District	738.29
Nebraska District	698.36
Alabama District	661.49
Georgia and South Carolina District	658.86
Kentucky District	505.97
South Florida District	478.91
New England District	398.63
Rocky Mountain District	389.07
North West District	294.62
Mississippi District	286.93
West Texas District	283.52
Eastern District	275.22
Oregon District	211.08
Appalachian District	196.79
Arizona District	186.16
Tennessee District	184.82
Louisiana District	164.51
Potomac District	146.84
New Mexico District	71.18
West Florida District	48.72
Texico District	45.64
Total	\$38,993.46

Policy, Progress and Program

The policy of the General Council in using funds one hundred per cent as designated has been followed

consistently, the undesignated funds being distributed among the missionaries in need and to supply what might not be provided from other sources for the work and workers as well as for fares, equipment, and the sending forth of new missionaries.

In missionary work there has been steady encouragement given to the development of a self-propagating, self-governing and self-supporting church in each land. Considerable progress has been made along this line in some of our Latin American and African fields, while in other countries such as India and China there are still many obstacles to overcome before this goal can be attained.

Our outlook for the future is first to exert every effort to enter needy fields that are still open to gospel effort, such as a number of the republics of South and Central America as well as the West Indies; to strengthen the work that has more recently been started in such lands as Borneo and Tanganyika; to enlarge and develop our missionary work in West Africa, as well as to give every encouragement and help possible to other sections of our vast territory on which the sun never sets. We wish to give particular attention to the development of a native ministry in each land so that not only may the native worker learn the doctrines of the Scripture and how to preach but he may also be given help in church administration and development of the work—in effect, that the native may be prepared to carry on without missionary aid, especially in the event of forced withdrawal of missionaries.

Such work demands missionaries of vision and ability in leadership, so that those sent should first be given opportunity to make full proof of their ministry. God has given us some very splendid workers who are consecrated to His service and who have proved their calling. We appreciate their work and their fellowship, as well as the substantial aid and encouragement we receive from our home ministry and assemblies, not forgetting the hundreds of faithful contributors who remember the needs of the missionaries so regularly. We look forward to further additions to our ranks and move for-

ward, not as independent units but as a body. It is our hope that many new lights may be set burning in the dark places of the earth before our next great Council gathering, should our Lord still tarry.

Respectfully submitted,

Noel Perkin

Report of Gospel Publishing House

“O give thanks unto the Lord . . . make known his deeds among the people.”

Surely we have every reason to be thankful for what the Lord is doing for us here at the Publishing House. In looking back over the past two years and taking an inventory of the activities, it is plainly evident that the Lord has been with us in a very marked way.

While unsettled conditions prevail throughout the world today; with war, strikes and labor troubles on every side, yet we are pleased to report that God's hand has been upon the work, and progress has been made in all departments.

Although our manufacturing costs have been affected by increased costs in paper particularly, yet these advances up to the present have not risen to the point where it has become necessary to increase our selling prices, with the exception that there has been a slight increase made on Bibles and books purchased from other publishers.

It was only four years ago that we added approximately 22,000 square feet of floor space to the Publishing House. At that time we thought this extra space would be sufficient to allow for expansion for many years. We are already feeling the “pinch” for lack of space, and if the work increases as in the past, some serious consideration will have to be given to further building expansion.

We are now publishing *nineteen regular periodicals*.

Two have been added since our last report. They are *Daily Devotions* and *Our Sunday School Counsellor*. The former has a circulation of 15,000 with prospects good for further increases. Our *Sunday School Counsellor*, while not exactly a new publication, is now being published monthly and has been placed on a regular subscription basis. Its pages are devoted almost entirely to Sunday School work, and are freighted with just the material that will be of great benefit to all interested in this branch of the Lord's work. Every pastor, officer and teacher who has a desire to see the work in the Sunday School move forward, should avail themselves of this interesting and helpful publication.

It will be noted by referring to the following table, that marked increases in the circulation have been made in practically all our different publications during the past two years.

	1939	1941
Pentecostal Evangel	63,000	75,000
Christ's Ambassadors Herald	14,000	15,000
Gospel Gleaners	73,000	81,000
Intermediate Young People	33,000	38,000
Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls	43,000	49,000
Primary Story Paper	40,000	46,000
Adult and Young People's Quarterly	141,000	160,000
Senior-Intermediate Quarterly	64,000	67,000
Junior Quarterly	73,000	74,000
Primary Quarterly	26,000	32,000
Adult and Y. P. Teachers' Quarterly	26,000	34,000
Senior-Intermediate Teachers' Quarterly	8,000	9,000
Junior Teachers' Quarterly	7,000	10,000
Children's Teachers' Quarterly	8,000	11,000
Sunday School Lesson Leaves	62,000	65,000
Daily Devotions		15,000
Bible Picture Lesson Roll		2,875
Little Picture Lesson Cards		80,000
Our Sunday School Counsellor		5,000
Total Circulation	681,000	868,875

The splendid increase in the circulation of the Pentecostal Evangel (the official organ of the Assemblies of God) is due largely to the wonderful cooperation shown by the pastors of our different churches through the Evangel Box Plan. With a little more effort on the part of other pastors in presenting this publication to their congregations, we are confident it would not be long before we would be required to print 100,000 copies of this splendid publication weekly.

In our Sunday School department much time and thought is being given to ways and means whereby we can be of further help to those who are promoting Sunday School work. From word received from practically all sections of the United States we are pleased to report that interest in this branch of the work is running high, and great good is being accomplished.

Early this year a number of regional Sunday School conferences were held in different parts of the country with splendid results. We have been greatly impressed by what has been accomplished, and expect to promote other such conferences as time permits.

Unusual interest has been shown in the work among the children, especially in the lower grades of our Sunday Schools. In order to furnish helps and aids in this work, we are now publishing Visual Aid charts for both Juniors and Primaries. These are being used in large quantities by the teachers in these grades.

Many new books have been added to our rapidly growing list, and we are pleased to report that the sales of our books, Bibles and other supplies have shown a splendid increase.

We are now completing the publishing of the three-year course of Vacation Bible School text books. These books have been used for the conducting of Vacation Bible Schools for the past two seasons, and good reports are being received from those who have used these books. The interest in this line of work is growing and much good is being accomplished.

We have also added a new song book, FULL GOSPEL SONGS, and it is having a very nice sale. From

all indications it is meeting a need, especially among the smaller churches where a cheaper book is required.

One of our latest books to be published is a new and interesting edition of "WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING." This new edition was rewritten and arranged by Brother Stanley H. Frodsham, editor of our publications. It is an outstanding book, filled with incidents and experiences connected with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as the title would indicate. It is neatly bound in cloth, with gold lettering, and sells for \$1.00. Every minister and lay member should have one of these books.

Two other books, "THE STORY OF THE FUTURE" and "WINDOWS INTO THE FUTURE," written by R. M. Riggs and Myer Pearlman respectively, and dealing with the subject of prophecy, are in great demand by those interested in this timely subject.

Other book manuscripts are on file and just as soon as time permits these, too, will be published.

In order to keep pace with the growth of our publications it has been necessary for us to install additional equipment in our printing department. Two new presses, two folders, an Addressograph machine, together with other small equipment, have been added during the past two years. We also have placed our order for a new Linotype, which will be installed in the next few weeks.

With this additional equipment we now have a printing plant which is printing and handling approximately *twenty-five cars of paper a year, at a cost of nearly \$67,000.* The amount of money paid to our local post office for *postage* of all kinds for the past *two years* was approximately \$80,000.

Early this year it became necessary to provide more room for our business department. An additional 1,000 square feet was added, and we are pleased to report we now have pleasant quarters for the transaction of business.

There are *approximately 130 people regularly employed* in the different departments. We have experienced no labor troubles and a wonderful spirit of loyalty and

cooperation exists among the employees throughout the entire Publishing House.

We conclude our report by expressing our sincere appreciation to all our many friends who have so loyally cooperated with us in the work here. We covet the prayers of all in praying that the hand of the Lord will continually rest upon the Publishing House and the efforts put forth in the spreading of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Z. Kameron, Manager

Report of Central Bible Institute

Another two happy years have passed since we last made a report to the General Council concerning Central Bible Institute. During this time the Lord has continued His blessing upon the Institute. The student enrollment for the school year 1939-40 was 334; for the school year 1940-41, it was 333. The number that were graduated in these two years was 86 and 70.

Spiritual activities connected with the Institute have been many and varied. In connection with this work successful revivals have been conducted, and during the past year more than 2,000 services have been held by students with more than 200 professions of conversion. There have been open-air meetings, jail and hospital meetings, special services for children, Sunday school teaching and other ministries in the different Assembly churches at Springfield. There also have been thirty-five outstation squads who have gone out to different rural churches conducting Sunday school and regular services.

During the past year it became necessary to put down an additional well and install a new pump. A new station wagon also was purchased. The buildings and property are kept in necessary repair so that the school and its equipment is in excellent condition.

Owing to world conditions there is more uncertainty than formerly both as to the number of students that may enroll and also as to the cost of operation. Applications at the time of preparing this report were about the same as for last year, so it is expected that the num-

ber of students for the coming term will equal the attendance last year. It is believed that costs to students during the coming school year can be continued at the rate of \$4.50 per week plus two registration fees of \$10.00 each, this to include schooling, board, room, and laundry. We plan to keep cost to students as low as possible that as many as possible might have the advantages of the school.

For a long time we have desired to see the campus of Central Bible Institute put to beneficial use during the summer as well as during the regular school year. To some extent this desire has been fulfilled during the past two years. A year ago the Interstate Camp Meeting formerly held at Eureka Springs, Arkansas was moved to Springfield. The blessing of God was graciously manifest and the people enjoyed being where they could be provided meals, rooms, and recreational advantages, together with spiritual services in the large tabernacle, on their own grounds and at a minimum of expense. It is planned to hold another Interstate Camp Meeting next year. This year the Southern Missouri District held its camp meeting on the school campus. This meeting was blessed with rich spiritual blessing also.

A year ago, at the request of some of the young people who felt the need on their hearts, a Youth Conference was held at Central Bible Institute. The number who attended exceeded expectation, and the rich blessing that came to those who gathered proved the hand of God to be in this step. The number which attended was 343. Another such conference was held this summer with an attendance of 436. The class periods were under capable teachers and were interesting, instructive, and spiritual; the group gatherings gave privilege of expression to the youth who came and many personal problems were solved; the evangelistic meetings held each night were rich in spiritual blessing. Both years a number received the baptism with the Spirit and a revival refreshing came to the many.

For what God has done in the past we thank Him. For what He will do in the future we praise Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Williams, President.

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