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This Quarter with Seniors

For Senior Highs, January to March is a time for stepped-up activity. At school there are basketball games, social events, exams. The Church, too, intensifies its program. It is important that both adult leaders and young people plan their activities carefully in order that matters of real significance be given priority.

From January 27 to February 3 is Community Youth Week, the first Sunday being observed by each denomination, the second by the Protestant youth of the community as a whole. Youth Week can be something more significant than just two programs; it can be the beginning of some really worthwhile endeavor across denominational lines.

February 10 is Race Relations Sunday. This, too, can lead to something deeper than a perfunctory program if the opportunities and needs of the community are thoughtfully studied.

On March 6 the Season of Lent begins. Even those churches which do not give special recognition to this period will be making this a time of spiritual and evangelistic emphasis in preparation for Easter.

For all these church and community emphases the Sunday morning study of the New Testament Church will provide a valuable background. The program material for Senior High Fellowships of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., is found in the quarterly magazine, *Presbyterian YOUTH*. Though the materials are undated, many of them fit in with church emphases.

The SHF theme for the year, relating young people to the denominational stress on Christian Citizenship, is found in the programs on "Who Is My Brother?" Resources for the World Missions emphasis on Southeast Asia, both denominational and interdenominational, will be found here, also. Young people will be interested in reading the story of a work-camp in Southeast Asia, *Give and Take*, by Ahrens (\$2.50 cloth, \$1.25 paper); additional program material will be found in the accompanying program guide by Cloud (50¢). In *Presbyterian YOUTH* will be found also suggestions for Assembly's Youth Sunday and Youth Week; these can be supplemented by material from the Youth Week packet (75¢).

Other units in *Presbyterian YOUTH* include one on past and current Youth Financial Objectives, one on witnessing to the Christian faith, and a one-session unit on the Christian attitude toward death.

The Youth of the Church

An Introduction to Be Read

PURPOSE

To help Seniors appreciate the beginnings, experience, and problems of the New Testament Church.

To help them see that the chief virtue of this New Testament Church was a willingness to be used by God for his purposes.

To lead them to face the challenges of today's world fortified by a sense of unity with these early Christians and with a continuation of their eagerness to be God's agents in the world.

To help young people reclaim for the Twentieth Century Church that power which brought the Church into being and made it a transforming power in the world.

What you have in your hand is a product of dreams, study, and prayer. And it is a product of an attempt, with a normal group of Senior High students, to come to grips with the reality of the New Testament Church. These high schoolers (their names are scattered through the *Senior Bible Studies*: Tim, Jim, Gene, Teresa, Rose Mary, Danny) submitted themselves to experimentation with methods, and they apparently grasped some ideas.

This is a Teacher's Guide—nothing more, nothing less. If you enslave yourself to it, you will hate it. If you take it as a companion as you and

your class search for truth, you will find it a new friend. This guide assumes that you will spend two hours in conscientious preparation for each session with your class. And the class procedure is planned to *use* forty-five minutes. In order to cover the material in that length of time, you will have to keep things moving. At times, you will omit portions of the suggested study. At other times, you will need to expand what is printed here. At still others, you will want to adapt lessons to meet the needs of your class—putting lectures into your own words, rephrasing questions and adjusting purposes. Possibly you will suspect that the methods of study presented here are impractical. Remember that they have been tried. And be bold! Your aim is to help your pupils learn, and these techniques have helped more than one group in their quest for truth.

In many ways, the role of the teacher is a frightening one. It is more frightening if you think the whole load rests on your shoulders. Expect, therefore, to be taught by the Spirit, else you will not be practicing what this unit teaches. Expect—and try to find—some new ideas for yourself as well as for your class. You are a fellow-learner with them.

Your pupils are more likely to exert effort in the study of this unit if they as well as the teacher are responsible for the progress of the study. Therefore, expect them to prepare for each class session, and let them know that you expect them to prepare. A brief telephone call or a quick visit will frequently make the difference between a mumbled report and a well thought out presentation. Your purpose is to help these students learn. No matter how eloquent you are, you teach nothing unless your pupils learn something. From time to time, this guide calls for special assignments to be done by specific pupils. Of course, it would be easier for you to do this work for them. And there are sessions in which the teacher sits silently for brief periods while pupils think and discuss. The use of these methods will enable your *class* to think. You will have to be as well prepared as if you were carrying the whole load by lecturing. Gamble on their ability to "get it" for themselves with your subtle guidance.

Early in this quarter, you will become familiar with the form of each lesson in this guide: Title, Scripture, Purpose, Preparation, Assignment, Teaching the Lesson. The assignment needs to be made early in the class session so that each lesson can be concluded with a high moment of worship. The Preparation section is a weekly check-list for you.

The basic material for the study of this unit is the Bible—specifically, Acts 1–18, I Corinthians 1–11, and Revelations 1–3. *Senior Bible Studies* and this *SENIOR TEACHER'S GUIDE* are the other essentials. You will also find that Vols. IX and X of *The Interpreter's Bible* are helpful in your study. So are the translations of Acts and the Epistles by J. B. Phillips. He entitles them *The Young Church in Action* and *Letters to Young Churches*. D. T. Niles' *That They May Have Life* is a stimulating state-

ment of the Christian message. It will help you to be a better Christian and a better teacher. Other standard helps are *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible* and *The Book of Church Order*.*

There is something fascinating about youth—perhaps its vigor, its ability to dream, its enthusiasm. This is as true of the youth of the Church as of the young people you teach. This unit therefore will be a challenge to you to lead your youth to recapture the virtues which were evident in the Church's youth.

* Order any of the above books from your denominational bookstore.



SESSION ONE

Preparation for Pentecost

Acts 1:1-14; 2:1-40

Purpose

This session is an introduction to the unit on the life of the New Testament Church. It should provide the point of view from which all the following studies will be considered. The purpose of this first session, then, is:

1. To help your Senior Highs to see the life of the Church as the continuation and direct result of Christ's work.
2. To help them realize that this work continues through the preparedness of the Church for the coming of the Holy Spirit.
3. To show Senior Highs that God still qualifies people for his service through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Preparation

1. Read through this passage of Scripture and the materials for this lesson both in this quarterly and in *Senior Bible Studies*. Also, read the articles, "Reflections During a Sermon" and "The Stage Setting," before you plan the lesson for your particular class.
2. Note the sections that puzzle you and study them with greater care.
3. Be sure that the purpose of this lesson is clear in your mind. Is this the purpose that will answer the needs of your pupils now? If not, write down what you want to accomplish for the class as a whole and for individuals in the class.
4. Study the method suggested and decide whether it is the best way of reaching the goals you set for your class.
5. Be sure that you have a chalkboard available for this session.

Assignment for January 13

1. Insist that your class members study the appropriate material in *Senior Bible Studies* by way of preparation for the next session. Ask them to give special attention to the article, "... Be My Witnesses ..." and to be ready next week to state to the class the ideas in the article that are new to them. Ask the class to bring their *Senior Bible Studies* to class, in order to use the article, "Is the Church Here?"

2. Ask each student to answer the questionnaire, "What Do You THINK?" on page 30 of *Senior Bible Studies*. They will want to return to this questionnaire at the conclusion of this unit of study.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Research Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Discussion
- III. Research Reading: Acts 1:12-14; Discussion
- IV. Research Reading: Acts 2:1-40; Discussion
- V. Discussion: So What?
- VI. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

You will want to begin this lesson by describing what to expect of this unit of study and by summarizing the events that took place just prior to the opening incidents recorded in the Acts. This is intended to stimulate the interest of the group. You will not want to read the following statement, but let it suggest what you may say to the class.

January through March, we shall be studying the life and times of the New Testament Church. The Bible passages we shall use are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, I Corinthians, and Revelation. These passages describe the early days of the Church, a vigorous, Spirit-filled people. During this study, we shall concentrate not so much on the history and doctrine of the Church as on the life of the early Christians. We shall hope to discover what made them tick and how our life can be more like theirs.

The first few lessons in this unit are a study of the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. This book, you will remember, was written by the same man who wrote the Gospel according to Luke. His first book ended with an account of Jesus' resurrection; Acts—the continuation of that story—begins with the final interview between Jesus and his disciples.

II. Research Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Discussion

The steps of procedure in this part of the class session are as follows: (1) Assign the passage to be read, and state the questions which your pupils will be trying to answer as they read. (2) Allow time for your pupils to read the passage silently and to find the answers to the questions. (3) Discuss the answers to the questions. After they have read silently for a few moments, you may have to restate the questions for them.

A. Ask the class to read silently Acts 1:1-11 to find the answers to these questions: What clues can you find indicating (1) that something has gone before, and (2) that something is to happen later? (3) What are the indications that Jesus expected his work to be carried on by this particular group of people?

B. After allowing time for them to do this research silently, help them to see, through discussion, these major points:

1. Clues that something has gone before:

Verse 1 shows that the author, Luke, has written an earlier work (the Gospel of Luke), of which this book is a continuation. (The Gospel of Luke is addressed to Theophilus; it tells of what "Jesus *begun* to do and teach.")

Verse 4 shows that the promise had been made before ("... which you heard from me.")

Verse 3 refers to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Throughout his ministry, Jesus was preparing his disciples to take up his work where he had to leave off. He gathered this group for the particular purpose, as Mark says (Mark 3:14), of being with him. He entered Jerusalem knowing that he had to follow God's will even to death. Later that week, he was arrested, tried, and crucified. On the third day, as he had prophesied, he arose from the dead and appeared to his followers.

2. Clues that something is to happen later:

Verse 4 is an order for them to return to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Spirit.

Verse 8 states that the power of the Spirit will come to them and that they will be his witnesses.

3. Indications that Jesus expected his work to be carried on by this particular group:

In verses 1 and 2, Luke states that his Gospel described the work of Jesus with his disciples. After this introductory statement in which he singles out the disciples for his attention, Luke refers to this group as "they" and "them," and he quotes Jesus' statements to the disciples. In verse 4, Jesus issues a command to the disciples. But he apparently regards the command as a natural result of his previous work with the group.

In verse 8, Jesus issues a challenge directly to the disciples.

III. Research Reading: Acts 1:12-14; Discussion

A. Research Reading

Have your class read this passage silently in an effort to find answers to these questions: (1) What shows that the disciples expected the promise of Jesus to be fulfilled? (2) What traits are displayed by the group to whom the Spirit was to come?

B. Discussion

After allowing time for your pupils to study silently, ask them to tell what answers they have found. During the discussion, help the class discover these facts:

1. Verse 12 shows that the disciples did what they had been told to do. They were obedient. Looked at from another point of view, they obeyed because they expected Jesus to keep his word. They had learned from experience with him that he deserved their obedience, and they had discovered that he could be trusted to keep his promises.

Verse 14 also indicates this sense of expectancy. They had been told that the Spirit would come to them, and their behavior shows that they *wanted* the Spirit to come to them. "All these with *one accord* devoted themselves to prayer *together* . . ."

2. These are some of the traits that the class will discover:

a. Obedience (They went to Jerusalem; they waited.) *b. Expectancy* (They stayed together, knowing that the Spirit was to come.) *c. Prayer* (J. B. Phillips points out that the disciples had learned from Jesus not just to "say prayers"; they became pray-ers. Their prayer life during this interval shows that the disciples not only expected the Spirit, they felt a need for him.) *d. Harmony* ("All these with one accord . . .") They shared a common desire, a common sense of purpose. They all faced the job of being witnesses.)

IV. Research Reading: Acts 2:1-40; Discussion

A. Research Reading

Have the class read this section silently, seeking answers to these questions: (1) What made it necessary for Peter to speak up? (2) What is the central message of Peter's sermon?

B. Discussion

(Note: It will be well for your class not to get involved in a discussion of the signs of the Holy Spirit's coming. The fact of his coming is far more important than the signs that accompanied his coming. Your group needs to be impressed that the Holy Spirit came to God's group, those waiting in prayer, and that he began to operate in them.)

1. The class will quickly see that Peter was answering the crowd's accusation that the disciples were drunk. But help them to see that he interpreted this event as a fulfillment of Scripture rather than a drunken brawl. Help your pupils recall that the man who preached this powerful sermon is the same one who, several weeks earlier, had denied that he even knew Jesus. The main reason that he had to speak up was that the Spirit had taken hold of him.

2. It will help you emphasize the importance of using the *Senior Bible Studies* if, during the discussion of this question, you refer the class to step number 5 in their study for this week. A brief summary of Peter's sermon is that the coming of the Holy Spirit is a fulfillment of prophecy and the proper outgrowth of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, who is both the Messiah (Christ) and the Suffering Servant of God. The sermon closes with a call of faith.

V. Discussion: So What?

Get your class to see, through this discussion, that this lesson is not merely a history of the Church's beginnings; it is a message to us from God. You might open this discussion by asking some of the following questions:

1. In what ways has Christ been preparing each of you to carry on his work? In your youth fellowship, high school, church? In the story, "Reflections During a Sermon," how did he prepare Tim? How can you make the most of this preparation?
2. How do you know that God expects to carry out his work today through Christians? Through each of us?
3. Which of the traits, typical of the disciples, do we have today? Which ought we to develop?
4. Can we still have the leading of the Holy Spirit today? At what times and under what conditions have you ever been conscious of his presence?
5. To whom do you give credit for your present degree of spiritual development, your community concern, your mental and physical maturity? Your parents? Teachers? Friends? Is the Holy Spirit working through these persons?
6. Is Jesus' promise to the disciples in Acts 1:8 ("You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses. . .") still valid for Christians today? How do you know?

VI. Closing Moments of Dedication

Conclude this session of your class by asking the class to list on the chalkboard items which they wish to include in their prayer. Try to make

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SESSION TWO

Witnesses at Work

Acts 2:42—4:37

Purpose

The Church's purpose is to witness. In this lesson: (1) Acquaint your class with the fact that the Church's ministry is varied—preaching, teaching, healing, sharing, etc. (2) Show that these varied activities are tied together by carrying God's message. (3) Help your class to see that in the present day as in New Testament times all aspects of the Church's life convey some portion of her message. (4) Lead your class to see that a witness is borne by a complete life and not only by a set procedure called "evangelism."

Preparation

1. After following the suggestions given your students for their preparation in *Senior Bible Studies*, you should read the article, "... Be My Witnesses. . . ." Your own thinking will be stimulated if you will read D. T. Niles' *That They May Have Life*. Notice especially the third chapter, "The Evangelist." It is important, before you teach this lesson, for you to grasp the concept that a man is not a complete man unless he is submerged in the life of God. This complete life (recovery of wholeness, in response to the God of the whole world) is the life that proclaims a message to the world.
2. In reading the article, "Is the Church Here?" in *Senior Bible Studies*, you might jot down the different types of witnessing mentioned and compare this list with the activities described in Acts 2:42—4:37.
3. If possible, study Acts 2:42—4:37 in *The Interpreter's Bible*, as a means of understanding the content of this passage. As you study, ask yourself if the Church's witness would have been equally as effective had any phase of her life been omitted.
4. Look up the word "witness" in the dictionary to find the secular meaning of the word. The dictionary definition will help you visualize the probable mental picture your class members have when they read Christ's promise in Acts 1:8.
5. Read the purpose of this lesson several times to be sure that all parts of your class session help accomplish this purpose and to be sure that no

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this a prayer of dedication. You could suggest that they reflect on today's lesson, remembering that we are linked with the Early Church Christians by the fact that we are a part of the Church which is continuing Christ's work in the world, remembering that Christ is preparing us for his work. You may have to list the first few items to get the class started. When the prayer-concerns have been listed, ask the class to sit quietly as they offer their silent prayers. Then the whole group could join in praying the Lord's Prayer.

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part of the purpose is overlooked in your preparation.

6. One teaching method suggested in this lesson is "buzz groups." They are simply small discussion-discovery groups. You should limit the groups to five members each, and you should be sure that the group knows exactly what to discuss. Your room will not need any prearranging, for students will stay in these small huddles only about five minutes. When the time in the session comes for the pupils to get into the buzz groups, you can ask the class to move their chairs quietly into circles of fives. If you have never used this technique before, it would be well to pick a student leader for each group and call him before Sunday. His job will be to give each member of his group a chance to talk and to keep the discussion on the subject. Do not let him think that he is to dominate his group or do all their thinking for them. The technique is valuable, because all the members participate in finding the truth. If you and your group have used this method before, you can appoint the leaders when the time comes for the groups to start working.

7. Be sure you have a chalkboard for use during this class session.

Assignment for January 20

1. Encourage members of the class to continue the use of the guidance for Bible study in the *Senior Bible Studies*.

2. Look over the lesson for January 20, and help the class decide whether they prefer to interview deacons outside class individually or invite a member of the Board of Deacons to next week's class session. In either case, help them see that what they want to learn is the Biblical foundation for our form of church government, the duties and qualifications for the office of deacon. If the interviews are to be done individually outside class, make arrangements with your students and the deacons involved. If a deacon is to be invited to the class session, perhaps young people would issue the invitation and you would let him know what to expect of the class session.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Buzz Groups—To Discover the Various Activities in Which the Church Engages
- III. Discussion and Chalkboard Listing of Buzz Group Discoveries
- IV. Discussion: The Article, "... Be My Witnesses ..."
- V. Discussion: How the Church Witnesses Today
- VI. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

A. Recall high lights from last week's lesson—the coming of the Holy Spirit; Peter's bold preaching to the crowd; the result of his preaching.

B. Present the setting for this lesson, pointing out that Acts 2:42 describes the immediate result of Peter's sermon, the verses that follow describe the permanent life of the Church.

C. Divide the class into buzz groups with not more than five members in each group. (If your class has fewer than five members, let them be one buzz group. In classes which have a membership of six or more, there should be at least two buzz groups.) For each group appoint a leader who will keep the discussion to the point and will report to the class the findings of his group.

II. Buzz Groups—To Discover the Various Activities in Which the Church Engages

1. To one group give this assignment (to be completed in five or six minutes): Take the article, "Is the Church Here?" in *Senior Bible Studies* and list from it as many different activities carried on by the Church as you can.

2. To the other groups make this assignment (to be completed in five or six minutes): Take Acts 2:42-47, and from this section list as many different activities carried on by the Church as you can.

(If your group is less than five, let them do both of these assignments.)

III. Discussion and Chalkboard Listing of Buzz Group Discoveries

Have the leaders of the buzz groups present their findings, as you list them (or have someone list them) briefly on the chalkboard. In one column write the list of activities found in Acts; in a second column list those found in "Is the Church Here" Keep directing questions at these groups until most of the following items are listed:

Apostles: teaching
fellowship
breaking of bread
prayers
All: sharing all things
worshiping
fellowship
work

Japan—road-building, worship, study
Germany—clearing debris, worship, study
India—studying, visiting Christian youth
vocational guidance
Congo—sheep co-op
U. S.—discussion group
Austria—tailor's shop
U. S.—preparation for marriage
Greece—bees and chickens

After showing from this two-column listing that the Church, then and now, carries on a variety of activities, you want to help the class see that

the activities have a purpose. The questions that follow are designed to help you guide the discussion to these conclusions:

1. What ties all of these activities together? Were these activities (in Acts and in "Is the Church Here?") done out of a sense of duty or were they done because Christians care about one another and about other people?

Whether your pupils put the thought in these words or in some other set of words, try to help them see that Jesus had built into his disciples a desire to carry on the work he had done. And as the faith was passed on from disciple to disciple, this desire became a part of the new converts' faith.

2. Was their reason for preaching any different from their reason for sharing all things? Any different from the reason for building roads for rice farmers in Japan? Was there any difference between the way Christians treated each other and the way they treated outsiders? Or was the difference only a difference in the response that was received?

However they express it, your pupils should be able to see from this discussion that the motive behind the Church's activities is love—God-given, Christlike love.

3. In what sense are all of these varied activities "witnessing"? What idea of the Christian faith would outsiders get from these activities?

Every activity in the life of the Church expresses at least a portion of the Christian faith. Help your group to see this specifically. For instance, building roads for farmers in Japan shows that the Christian life is a life of service, that Christians are concerned for the well-being of all people, as their Lord is concerned. Again, the sharing among members of the Church proclaims to the world that they love one another; their work of helpfulness proclaims that they love all people, as does their Lord.

IV. Discussion: The Article, "... Be My Witnesses ..."

Now, you want to move into a discussion of the article, "... Be My Witnesses ..." especially assigned for study during the past week. Through this discussion, you want the class to see that Christ's promise in Acts 1:8 (i.e., when we receive the Holy Spirit, we *will* be his witnesses) applies also to us. When we Christians are sensitive to the power of the Holy Spirit leading us, we witness to our Lord. On the other hand, it is in the process of witnessing that we are conscious of his presence. In other words, every Christian is a witness in everything that he does.

We must recapture the meaning of the Christian term *witness* so that twentieth century Church members can be grateful for this title and not cast it aside as descriptive only of street-corner preachers and extreme pietists who think they qualify for the title "witness" only as they button-hole individuals and speak in long-faced terms about "being saved."

You could get this discussion started by asking questions like these: After reading the article, how have your ideas of witnessing been changed? What new ideas did you find in the article? What is your reaction to the statement in the article, "Whether he means to be or not, each person is a witness to something"? Does anyone want to argue with that statement? Suggest any illustrations of the statement? What does it mean to "recover wholeness"? Be sure that your class understands what is meant by "wholeness." They probably hear often that God wants to control all areas of a man's life, his everyday activities. As God's control shows in his life, he is a witness, a whole man.

Are there, from your study of Acts 2:42—4:37, any indications that the Early Church considered witnessing to mean "everything the Christian does"? Call attention to these items: In Acts 2:44-45, Christians are found sharing even material things; they, in other words, did not conceive of the Christian life as being "spiritual" in the sense of being separate from material realities.

V. Discussion: How the Church Witnesses Today

In this part of your session with the class, you will be helping the students see how this study applies to them immediately. You will hope, therefore, to help them see the importance of speaking a forceful word for their faith at every opportunity. But you will also want to enlarge their concept of witnessing so that ordinary decisions become a means of expressing their faith.

In the first stages of this discussion, when asked "How does the Church today witness?" your group will probably list quickly the sending of missionaries, the open fellowship of congregations, preaching, the operation of schools, teaching through the Sunday school, etc. After these aspects of the Church's life have been mentioned, you will want to move into a consideration of senior high students as witnesses.

Your class may see more clearly their opportunities to witness if the discussion is divided—to consider opportunities through home life, at school, in the neighborhood and community.

Or, you could use the story of Helen, a high school student in Bethesda, Maryland. When her home room in the large high school was being organized at the first of the year, she suggested that they make worship a part of their regular activities. She was appointed chairman of the committee to plan this aspect of the home room's life. If she had not spoken

up, there would have been no emphasis on worship in this group throughout the year. As it turned out, she had chances all through the year to explain to her classmates the meaning of the Christian faith.

The value of this discussion will depend on how concrete it is. What changes does God want to make in the life of your high school—changes that you can help carry out, in student government, social life, honesty, clean conversations, conscientious study, interest in lonely fellow students? Your group may get into a discussion of some particular problem that needs attention, and they may even try to devise methods by which they can make a positive witness—without either being goody-goody or playing a hands-off role. If the discussion takes this turn, try to be of help.

VI. Closing Moments of Dedication

In conclusion, ask the class to sit silently for a brief period, as you lead them to consider thought-questions that will help them examine themselves in the light of this lesson. Allow time for thought and prayer between questions. Use questions like these: What do you witness to? Are you a true witness to Christ? Does God call you to witness as an officer in your home room as truly as he calls you to serve as chairman of the Commission of Christian Witness in your youth fellowship? What opportunities to witness have you missed?

Offer your own prayer of dedication and leave silently.

SESSION THREE

How Was the Early Church Organized?

Acts 6

Purpose

1. To lead the group to appreciate the organization and leaders of the Church as a part of our tradition that has earned our respect and has Biblical foundations. This organization, a product of necessity, has stood the test of time and has produced admirable results.

2. To lead the group to see that the qualifications for leadership in the Church, set forth in Acts 6, are permanently desirable traits for all Christians.

Preparation

1. If you and your class planned for the students to interview various members of your Board of Deacons during the week, let the deacons know to expect these callers and let them know what you hope for the class members to discover through their interviews. Or, if you plan to have a deacon visit your class to be interviewed about the responsibilities of his office, help class members formulate their questions ahead of time and let the visitor know what ground the interview should cover.

2. You should have a copy of *The Book of Church Order* on hand in your classroom. Also, for the test, your pupils will need pencils and paper.

3. Turn to "Guidance for Your Own Bible Study" in the *Senior Bible Studies* and follow the preparation suggested for the student. Give special attention to the articles, "A Growing Organization" and "Church Officers."

4. Read through the stated purpose for this lesson several times. Be sure that all parts of your session are steps toward the accomplishment of this goal.

Assignment for January 27

Remind the whole class to follow the suggestions in *Senior Bible Studies* as preparation for next Sunday's lesson.

In addition to this reminder for the class, you may want to appoint one person to be ready to report on the two articles, "Sinner or Saint?" and

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"The Spirit's Strategy." Ask the person who gives this report to state where these two articles overlap or repeat each other.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Quiz, with Students Using Their Bibles
Follow-Through Discussion of the Quiz
- III. Interview with a Deacon, or Reports from Outside Interviews
- IV. Summary Statement
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

In this time, you will want to describe the situation that made the election of deacons a necessity: In the first century, the state made no provision for the poor and the aged. The young Church took up the Jewish custom of providing for widows and orphans, the poor and needy. The method which the Church used for this task was twofold—the distribution of goods and the provision of a daily meal. This work of charity, in general, was referred to as "serving tables." The widows of the Church, in response, organized and devoted themselves to prayer and good works. In his letter to Timothy, Paul wrote a whole chapter that deals with the organization of the widows as a part of the young minister's duty.

The specific situation that called for the election of the seven was grumbling among the flock. Conspicuous in the group of Christians were Jews who came from synagogues outside the bounds of Palestine. They were called "Hellenists." This group accused the twelve, who were responsible for the distribution of goods and food, of neglecting the widows among the Hellenists.

II. Quiz, with Students Using Their Bibles

You may want either (a) to have these statements on the chalkboard ahead of time, or (b) to read the statements aloud and have the students write only the answers.

1. The "body of disciples" in verse 2 refers to a crowd of people gathered off the street. (*False*)
2. The twelve wanted deacons appointed, because they considered themselves too good to do tasks as lowly as waiting on tables. (*False*)

3. The Apostles selected the seven, and the congregation just approved them. (*False*)
4. Qualifications for the seven are that they be "men of good repute," "full of the Spirit," and full of wisdom. (*True*)
5. The "body of disciples" corresponds to the congregation in our time. (*True*)
6. The work of the seven was entirely different from the work of the twelve. (*False*)
7. The ordination ceremony consists of prayer and the laying on of hands. (*True*)
8. There is no connection between the election of deacons and the facts described in verse 7. (*False*)

Follow-Through Discussion of the Quiz

Now read the correct answers and let the students mark their own papers. They will want to defend their answers. You want to be sure that the following points are brought out during this discussion:

1. The word *disciple* means "learner" or "follower." This was a general term used before the word "Christian" came into existence, and it meant the same thing as "believer."
2. Jesus had said to his disciples, "The Son of man came not to be served but to serve . . ." (Matthew 20:28). The same Greek word is used; here it is translated "deacon," in the Gospels "servant."
3. Your pupils will argue the point and then recognize that the choice was made by the congregation as a whole.
4. These have always been requirements for leadership in the Church: good character confirmed by reputation, spirituality, and the wisdom necessary to lead effectively. Compare requirements set forth in *The Book of Church Order*, quoted in the article "Church Officers."
5. See verse 5, where Luke refers to the body of disciples as "the whole multitude."
6. In the chapters that follow, the work of Stephen and Philip shows that their activities were the same as those of the twelve.
7. The laying on of hands was a method used in the Old Testament times to dramatize the blessing of God coming on a man. For example, Moses used this symbolic act when Joshua was named his successor.
8. The Apostles were free of other responsibilities, so they could concentrate on the ministry of preaching and teaching. Also, as the next chapters show, Philip and Stephen were active in the spread of the Gospel.

III. Interview with a Deacon, or Report from Outside Interviews

Statement by the Teacher: We talked earlier about the requirements for the office of deacon in the days of the Apostles, and we find that they are permanent qualifications for Christian leaders. Looking at it from

one point of view, this form of organization grew out of a specific set of circumstances. But the guidance of the Spirit was behind the formation of this organization. The pattern itself has stood the test of time and is written into our Presbyterian form of government. Let's see now how the organization operates today.

Reports, or Interview: During this time, you will want to be sure that the following points become clear in the minds of your pupils. Keep asking questions of the reporters or of the visiting deacon until they become clear.

1. There is a definite difference between the duties of the session (Board of Elders)* and the diaconate (Board of Deacons). *Questions to lead your pupils to this conclusion:* Why does the congregation have two sets of officers? Does one group oversee the work of the other? Which has the more specific duties? Do the elders in our day, as far as duties are concerned, correspond to the Apostles?
2. The specific duties of the deacons are ministering to the needy, developing the grace of liberality among the congregation, devising methods for collecting and distributing gifts, and caring for the church property. *Questions:* How are the duties of deacons like the duties of the seven? What does *The Book of Church Order* mean when it refers to the office of deacon as a "spiritual office"? In what ways does the conscientious deacon follow the example of Christ in the discharge of his duties?
3. Both the ruling elders and the deacons are elected by the congregation and ordained by ruling elders. *Questions:* How are church officers selected? How does this correspond with the method of selection used by the New Testament Church in Acts 6? (From this interview or these reports, your group will learn much more than the above indicates. This is basic, however.)

IV. Summary Statement by the Teacher

We have been talking about the qualifications and duties of deacons as a specific, organized group in the Church. But let's remember too that these qualifications are desirable for all Christians and that these responsibilities are the duties of all Christians.

In the last two weeks, we have been learning that the Holy Spirit comes to all true believers and that all Christians are witnesses. Today we have seen that a group of men were chosen for service, on the basis of their character, their spirituality, and their wisdom. Though these men were apparently outstanding, there will always be room for persons with these same traits to serve in the Church. We are not developing these traits in order to qualify for office, but the Spirit naturally produces these results in Christians. The difference between a leader and a follower is not one of

importance but is simply a difference in the places where we serve. So no one has a right to be cocky because of his leadership position; and no follower should criticize a leader more severely than he criticizes himself.

These seven men were given the responsibility for overseeing the Church's ministry to the needy. A specific group in our church has been charged with a similar responsibility. But we *all* profess to follow the Christ who came "not to be served but to serve." We discharge our responsibilities in a number of rather unglamorous ways. For instance, we contribute to the church's budget; a part of our contribution goes through World Missions channels to help the needy overseas. Another part goes to home mission schools operated in areas where educational opportunities are not easily available. Youth Fellowships often collect clothing to send overseas, to homes and orphanages, or to the needy of the community. So, in a way, we are all deacons.

V. Closing Moments of Dedication

If you have a visiting deacon in this session, perhaps you will ask him (ahead of time!) to lead the closing prayer. And ask him to make this a prayer of dedication to service.

If you had reports instead of an interview, you will want to include, in this prayer time, prayer for the officers of the church and the note of dedication, asking that we be as effective in our service as we expect leaders to be in their leadership. You yourself may want to lead this prayer.

* The consistory of the Reformed Church. Though the organization of Presbyterian and Reformed churches is essentially the same, there are minor variations.

SESSION FOUR

God's Group Grows

Acts 7—11

Purpose

1. To help your class members discover these methods, used by the Holy Spirit, to guide the growth of the Church: (a) the influence of complete, dedicated lives; (b) the scattering of people who had a message to deliver; and (c) the transforming of these messengers so that they were eager to deliver their message to all kinds of people and equally eager to have these people join their fellowship.

2. To help the class see that the Spirit still uses these methods and that they can have a share in this continuing growth of the Church.

Preparation

1. Turn, in *Senior Bible Studies*, to the suggestions given to your students for their preparation for January 27. Study these suggestions and the articles mentioned.

2. Study Acts 7—11, listing the main events in the spread of the Church during this period. Follow the growth geographically, using the map on page 4. You may want to show a map like this to your class after your lecture so that they too can see the Church spreading over a larger area. It has been pointed out that Jesus' prediction in Acts 1:8 can serve as an outline of the Book of Acts. Up to the time of Stephen's death, the Church has been working in Jerusalem; with this study we enter the transition period before the Church carries her work literally to the ends of the earth.

3. Get the purpose for this lesson clearly in mind, so that your whole time with your class will contribute to the accomplishment of this aim.

4. Read carefully the article, "The Spirit's Strategy," on page 20 of *Senior Bible Studies*. The contents of this article will help you in the preparation of your lecture for the class.

Assignment for February 3

1. Insist that all pupils continue to follow the guidance given in *Senior Bible Studies*.

2. Have two persons prepare a report for the next meeting of the class. They could work together, one securing (or drawing on the chalkboard) a large map of Paul's first missionary journey, the other preparing a presentation of the events that occurred at each stopping place. The student who prepares the map would be responsible for pointing out the location of each event as the reporter presents his account of the journey.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction, Including a Report on the Special Assignment
- II. Lecture: God's Group Grows
- III. Review of Lecture, and Summary
- IV. Lecture-Meditation: The Present-day Growth of the Church
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction . . .

A. Review: Be sure that your class members recall the second lesson in this unit, "Witnesses at Work." Help them remember that every Christian considered himself a witness. Also, remind the class that Philip and Stephen were among the original seven selected to serve as deacons.

B. Call for the report, by the person who had the special assignment on "Sinner or Saint?" and "The Spirit's Strategy." See that the class realizes from this report that one aspect of the Spirit's strategy is to make necessary changes in the attitudes of his witnesses, as the growth in Peter's outlook clearly shows.

C. Prepare your class for the lecture which is to follow by instructing them to pull from your lecture the methods by which the growth of the Church occurred. You might tell them to watch for three major divisions in your lecture, and challenge them to find activities that are a part of each major division. In other words, you are daring them to find your outline. Possibly you will want to give them pencils and paper to jot down ideas they get from the lecture. Don't just read from this quarterly, but make the talk your own.

II. Lecture: God's Group Grows

Secret Outline: Introduction

- I. Complete, dedicated lives; e.g., Stephen
- II. Scattering the people who had a message
 - A. Scattering of disciples
 - B. Philip's preaching
 - C. Contacts with individuals
- III. Changing the messengers' attitude toward outsiders
Concluding summary

Materials for Your Lecture

Any historian has to choose from the information available the specific personalities and events which best portray the period or movement about which he is writing. Luke is no exception to this rule. When he wanted to describe the spread of the Church to areas outside the city of Jerusalem, he did not compile statistics about the distances traveled or the number of converts won. Instead, he described a few very definite characters and their behavior. From these descriptions, we get an idea of what was going on in the life of the Church as it reached beyond the bounds of the city.

Stephen played a key role in this growth. You remember that he was elected one of the seven original deacons. His name would indicate that he was one of the Hellenists, and his behavior reinforces this indication. We find him going to a synagogue of the Hellenists in Jerusalem, arguing with the people there that Jesus of Nazareth was the expected Messiah and that he fulfilled all prophecy. So strong was his message that his hearers could not resist its force. Either they accepted the truth of the message, or they ran frenziedly to defend themselves against these new ideas, the Gospel. You will remember from previous study that he was brought to trial after witnesses had been bribed to lie about him; that, in the longest sermon recorded in Acts, he proclaimed his message just as forcefully to the authorities who were trying him; that his trial turned into a mob scene; that he was stoned to death, praying for his tormentors as he departed this life.

Stephen is significant for us not only because he was the first Christian martyr but also because he reinforces for us our earlier conclusion that the best witness is a complete, dedicated life. Stephen was a man who spent his life in the service of the Gospel. The way he died was no different from the way he lived. Indeed, we might say that the way he lived was the cause of his martyrdom. His way of living as well as his death proclaimed the Gospel. Even at his death he displayed the spirit of Christ,

for at the moment of his execution he was praying for his tormentors. This truly was a complete life, a life dedicated to God.

Stephen was the first martyr. After his death, a widespread persecution began, with Saul of Tarsus among the most violent persecutors of the infant Church. This persecution in Jerusalem presented several choices to the Christians. They could go into hiding. They could make their faith a secret. A number were seized and imprisoned. But, under the Spirit's guidance, the thing that happened was that they began to move out from Jerusalem to other areas, taking with them their new faith and proclaiming it to people wherever they went. Apparently, this scattering was limited to Judea—the section around Jerusalem—and Samaria, a place despised by all pious Jews. In a way, Jesus had predicted this movement when he said to his disciples, "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." It has been said that this prediction by Jesus can serve as an outline for the Book of Acts. Up to this time, the work of the Church had been centered in Jerusalem; when persecution broke out there, the disciples spread their work to cover Judea and Samaria. Eventually, as we shall see in our study, missionaries moved literally to the end of the earth. The point to be remembered in this interval is that the people were scattered and they were people into whom the Spirit had put a message. One way the Church grew was through this scattering.

As these people went their way, they took with them a message. The person whose work is described in detail is Philip, another of the first group of deacons. His journey carried him to a city of Samaria, where we find him preaching to a large assembly and working miracles like the miracles of Jesus. The response was joyful belief. And the Spirit was working through a man who came preaching.

After his triumph at this city of Samaria and after the arrival of reinforcements in the persons of Peter and John, Philip moved on. This time we find him working not with a large congregation of eager listeners but with one lone Ethiopian. The interview took the form of a discussion concerning the prophecy of Isaiah, and the outcome of the interview was that the African believed and was baptized. Here Deacon Philip was again taking advantage of his opportunities. Once he served as preacher to a crowd, again as a personal messenger to an individual.

Again, Philip went his way, still sharing the new faith.

Luke describes the events in the life of Philip not because he was exceptional but probably because he was typical of the people who were scattered out from Jerusalem.

Now, travel by way of imagination to Joppa, and in Joppa to the home of Simon the tanner, whose house is by the seaside. One of the virtues of traveling by imagination is that we can travel into a man's mind. In Peter's mind, as he rests on the rooftop of Simon's home, there is a struggle going on. The struggle is between his well-developed Jewish prejudices against Gentiles and his newborn Christian faith which is to be shared with the world.

You remember the story of Peter's vision on the rooftop. Remember too that Peter was summoned to the home of Cornelius, a Roman centurion. By the Jewish law it was illegal for Peter to enter the home of a Gentile. But Peter had been summoned not only by the centurion but also by the Holy Spirit. The Apostle had been told by no less a person than his Lord that the Gospel is for all peoples, but it was only after the Holy Spirit worked carefully on him that he was willing to enter a Gentile home. And it was only after the coming of the Spirit to these Gentiles that he realized why he was there. This was a radical change that had occurred in Peter's outlook.

Looked at from another point of view, it was the same change that had occurred in Philip, else he would not have been found in Samaria, for—to the Jewish mind—Samaritans were more obnoxious than Gentiles.

So, we see, another method used by God's Spirit to promote the growth of his Church is the change of heart that Peter and Philip both displayed. They now were eager to receive these outcasts into their fellowship.

In this lesson, therefore, we are seeing that the Holy Spirit guides the growth of the Church in several different ways. He captures a man so completely that the man's whole life—even to his death—is used as a witness. He fills men with a message, and then the people take that message with them wherever they go. As they go, they preach to multitudes, or they speak winningly with individuals like the Ethiopian eunuch. Furthermore, the Spirit guides the growth of the Church by remaking the Church's members until they eagerly seek, for their fellowship in Christ, people who formerly were untouchables.

III. Review of Lecture, and Summary

Here you will want the class to list, on the basis of your lecture, the ways God guides the growth of his Church. Expect to be embarrassed by how little they grasp of what you have said. But be willing to go over the materials until they see these different aspects of the Church's growth. On a large map, you may want to point out during this part of your session, the areas reached by the spread of the Church up to this point: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Gaza, Azotus, Caesarea, Joppa.

IV. Lecture-Meditation: The Present-day Growth of the Church

In this part of the session, you want the class to see that the Church today does not just imitate the work of the Early Church; she continues the same life that the Church in that time lived. The same God still is trying to guide the growth of his Church in the same ways.

Maybe you can think of some events that show how God is guiding the growth of the Church today. For instance, he still uses dedicated lives like Stephen's, the lives of people who do not even realize how effective the impact of their witness is. Chuck moved to town during his junior year in high school. The first people he met at school turned out to be the kind of guys he did not wish to have as his best friends. He steadily withdrew from them as he saw them progressing into dangerous delinquency. Although he tried persistently to get them to mend their ways, the time came when it was necessary for him to make a clean break with the group. From then on, whenever they saw him at school, he was sneered at as "that church boy." One night at a dance, he was notified that someone wanted to see him outside. When he got there, his ex-friends surrounded him and, for no apparent reason, proceeded to beat him up. He said later that he considered every blow in self-defense a positive witness, but he was no match for his numerous attackers. Several weeks later, one of the boys called Chuck and asked if he would attend worship service with him that evening. He wanted Chuck to be with him when he united with the Church.

Have you ever looked at a congregation and analyzed the places in which the members spend most of their time? Here is a man who meets people daily as they come into his place of business. He has contacts with his fellow workers, his customers, and other business people in town. The lady who sits directly in front of you every Sunday morning spends most of her waking hours with a family of two children. But she is also a member of a club for young mothers, the P.T.A., and a closely-knit neighborhood. That man taking up the offering works on the assembly line in the nearby factory. He rubs shoulders with laborers from all over this section. And he gets together regularly for late afternoon coffee with several close friends on his street. Over on the aisle sits a receptionist in the doctor's office. Babies, mothers, ailing adults—all kinds of folks with all kinds of problems pass by her desk. God is placing in the hands of these messengers a communication he has addressed to a world full of people. Take a minute sometimes to look at this class and make an analysis like this. It's not *all* up to missionaries overseas! Where Christians are in their daily tasks, there is a missionary frontier! We don't have to look abroad for missionary heroes; every Christian is a missionary, at home or abroad.

And God still guides the growth of his Church by remaking her members until they are eager to include anybody and everybody in their

fellowship. How would you feel if someone your age came to Sunday school in shabby overalls? Would you feel sorry for him, or would you be glad to have him here? Do you ever invite *anyone* to church? Anyone you do not *enjoy*? Do we consider anybody hopeless? What about the crowd that got into trouble at school a while back? Is it fair for us to assume that they would not be interested? Do we *want* them to be interested? If we want them to be interested, how does it show? Would a person of another race be welcome in this house of God? Do we need to be changed?

(You will be able to be more specific in this lecture-meditation as you look at your own class, church, and community.)

V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Ask your group to pray silently as you suggest subjects for their prayer. You will want to allow time for them to pray between these suggestions, and you will want to include subjects like these:

Let us pray that our life in the church will provide us with a message for the world.

Let us pray that we will be the kind of people through whom that message shows.

Let us pray that we will see opportunities that come our way, opportunities to deliver the message wherever we go.

Let us pray, opening ourselves to God so that he can change us in whatever ways are necessary.

You might conclude this prayer by praying in unison the Lord's Prayer.

SESSION FIVE

The Gospel Goes to Gentiles

Acts 13—14

Purpose

To help your pupils discover (1) that the Gospel has to be shared with the whole world, (2) that the first missionary journey was initiated by a congregation which was a product of missionary endeavor, (3) that missionaries concentrate their efforts on the people who will respond to their message, and (4) that they—your students—are as important to the missionary enterprise of the Church as are the people called to serve overseas (and that some of them *may* be called to this service themselves).

Preparation

1. Study carefully the purpose for this lesson, and be sure that every activity during your session contributes to the accomplishment of the purpose.
2. Follow "Guidance for Your Own Bible Study" for February 3 in the pupil's book.
3. Become familiar with the map in *Senior Bible Studies* that shows Paul's first missionary journey so that you can guide the map study during the class session. Also, check with the two young persons who are to secure a large map and describe the events that took place on this journey.
4. Before you meet with your class, prepare copies (either on the chalkboard or typewritten on slips of paper) of the statements to be used during the class discussion.
5. Notice as you study these two chapters (perhaps with the help of *The Interpreter's Bible* or another good commentary) that Paul concentrates on working in large centers of population. Refer again to the article, "The Spirit's Strategy," in *Senior Bible Studies*.
6. In *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*, read the article on Paul to become better acquainted with his character. In reading this article, give special attention to the first missionary journey, page 456.

Assignment for February 10

Remind the whole class to follow the suggestions in *Senior Bible Studies* as their preparation for next Sunday's lesson.

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TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Map Study: A Review of the First Missionary Journey
- III. Discussion Based on Statements About Missionary Philosophy
- IV. Informal Comparison: Missionaries Then and Now
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

In the last few lessons, we have discovered that, in the lively Early Church, every Christian was a missionary. When the brethren were scattered by the outbreak of persecution in Jerusalem, their scattering was not just a means of escape; it was a means of proclaiming the Gospel in new places. Wherever any believer went, he told the Good News. Philip, one of these traveling evangelists, is the man whose career we studied.

In this lesson, we shall be studying the career of men who were called to open up new mission fields. The fact that made Paul and Barnabas different from their fellow Christians was that they were serving in the Gentile world. All Christians were serving, but these two men went to strange, new lands.

Antioch of Syria had become a center for the Christian movement, second only to Jerusalem in importance. In this congregation were a number of outstanding men, and leaders of the Church frequently visited in Antioch. The church there was begun by believers who were scattered during the persecution immediately after Stephen's death. This congregation, itself a product of missionary activity, was the group that initiated the first missionary journey to Gentile nations.

II. Map Study: A Review of the First Missionary Journey

At this time, you will call for the report from the two young persons who have prepared a presentation of the events that took place on the first missionary journey. As one student describes the events, the other is to point on the map to the places where the incidents occurred. You will want to be sure that the class gets from this map study three major points: (1) Paul and Barnabas were called by the Holy Spirit and commissioned by the church at Antioch; (2) the Church was spreading her work over a larger geographical area; (3) Paul and Barnabas consistently took their message to the Gentiles when Jewish hearers refused to accept it; and (4) the missionaries used the strategy of working primarily in larger

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centers of population, from which the Gospel could spread. Be prepared to supplement the students' report in order to make these points stand out clearly.

III. Discussion, Based on Statements Dealing with Missionary Philosophy

A. To get this discussion started, divide your class as you did for buzz groups (described on page 12) of five persons each. Give to the leader of each group a copy of the statements listed below (or write them on the chalkboard). Explain to the whole class that some of these statements are true and some are false. On the basis of their through-the-week study and their group's discussion, they are to agree or disagree with each statement. If they disagree with a statement, they are to be prepared to defend their position in the class discussion that follows. Allow five to eight minutes for the small groups to reach their conclusions.

1. Nobody in the church except Paul and Barnabas knew that the Holy Spirit wanted them to go on this journey.
2. The church commissioned Paul and Barnabas for their work overseas.
3. Paul and Barnabas, when they entered a new city, always began their work by preaching on a streetcorner.
4. When the Jews angered Paul and Barnabas, they began to work with the Gentiles.
5. After he knew that there were converts to Christianity in a city, Paul no longer bothered about that city.

B. After five to eight minutes, call for reports from the groups. One way to do this is to read each statement to the class and have the leader of each group state to the class his group's conclusion about the sentence. If all groups agree with the statement and if the teacher agrees with it, there is no need to discuss it. The pupils will discuss back and forth if there is any difference of opinion. If all the groups agree with any statement, you, as the teacher, may wish to disagree in order to clarify their ideas on the subject. During this discussion, you will want these facts brought into the open:

1. Acts 13:2. "They" possibly refers to the whole congregation; but, at least, "they" refers to the "prophets and teachers" mentioned in verse 1.
2. The Church, through her leaders (prophets and teachers), dramatized —by a ceremony consisting of the laying on of hands—and confirmed the selection by the Holy Spirit of these two missionaries. We can assume, therefore, that the church at Antioch continued this interest, reinforced with prayer. Paul and Barnabas felt responsible to this congregation that sent them out and valued their support; they returned to Antioch to report on their journey.

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3. At each place they worked, they made their first contacts with the people who worshiped at the synagogue. There were synagogues all over the Empire, wherever as many as ten Jewish men lived. Furthermore, the Jewish people were the ones who were looking for a fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. Another part of the congregation in the synagogues was the group called "those who fear God"; they were Gentiles who worshiped the God of Israel. This was the most fertile field Paul could expect to find in any city.
4. The decision was made by the Jews who refused to accept the Gospel. Once they refused and attacked the missionaries, *then* Paul and Barnabas had no choice but to turn to the more receptive Gentiles.
5. Even on this first journey (Acts 14:19-28) Paul showed that his interest in these churches was permanent. He returned, even to places where he had been persecuted, to help them choose leaders to carry on the work. This same permanent interest later took the form of letters to his Christian friends all across the Empire, as he counseled, instructed, and corrected them.

IV. Informal Comparison, Missionaries Then and Now

During this part of the class period, you may want to mention portions of the article, "How I Became a Missionary," in *Senior Bible Studies* page 38. The main features to be considered are that missionaries today, as in Paul's time, are called by the Holy Spirit, sent out by the Church, and they have as their task working with the newer churches. There is a distinction here between running the new church *for* the new converts and helping the new converts to become leaders in the ongoing work of the Church.

Perhaps you will introduce this discussion by asking your class to name the most interesting thing about Paul's first journey and the most interesting thing they know about today's foreign missionaries.

The new churches of Asia Minor were significant because the Gospel was reaching the Gentiles in these areas and receiving a favorable response. Paul and Barnabas were significant in this journey because they were the people used by the Holy Spirit to take the Gospel to these areas. What was the significance of the church at Antioch in this endeavor? (Here, try to lead your pupils to see that the church at Antioch was a group in which the Holy Spirit showed that the Gospel *had* to be shared with the whole world. Also, after the journey, Paul and Barnabas felt a responsibility to report to the group that sent them out. The church at Antioch really participated in the outreach of the Church to the whole world.)

Summary statements by the teacher: Some of the members of this class may eventually serve God and his Church as missionaries overseas. But,

while you are still in high school, you are taking part in the World Missions enterprise by contributing to your church's budget, by praying for people who are serving overseas, by your very interest in this phase of the Church's work, by being as diligent about your jobs—in your homes, school, and community—as missionaries overseas are in their work. So, we are back again to the point where we have been before: Every Christian is a missionary!

V. Closing Moments of Dedication

You will want to conclude this session with a prayer. Perhaps you could use this one:

God of all people, Creator of the whole world, thou who hast sent thy Son into the world and hast scattered the multitude of thy children across the face of the earth:

We admit that we have been willing for someone else to feel the responsibility and do the jobs that thou hast given to us. Join us in the bonds of love, interest, and active concern with those who labor with thee for us on distant shores.

Hear our feeble prayers for them and use our prayers in thy mission to the world: Fill the lives as well as the mouths of thy servants with thy truth. Grant to those who labor far from home the companionship of Christian brothers in their adopted homelands. Give them the power of thy Spirit to labor patiently, tirelessly with thee among thy new-found children.

And, O God, seize—through us—the portion of thy world that passes daily through our hands. Make us aware of our tasks and equip us to meet the challenges of the mission field in which we live.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SESSION SIX

Many Congregations—One Church

Acts 15

Purpose

1. To help your class see that harmony and strength in the New Testament Church were a product of honest search for the Holy Spirit's guidance to solve problems that affected all believers.
2. To lead your young people to appreciate and respect the principle of presbytery as a Biblical means by which God guides the Church to settle her problems and move forward in claiming the world for himself.

Preparation

1. Restudy the purpose for this lesson until you have absorbed it and can make it the standard for evaluating all the activities during your class session.
2. Study Acts 15, possibly with the help of a commentary like *The Interpreter's Bible*, to discover the reasons for the meeting described in the chapter.
3. Look at your map (page 4) and notice the different areas of the Church represented in the Council of Jerusalem.
4. Read Paragraph 76, Chapter XV in *The Book of Church Order* and compare the authority of presbytery today with the authority assumed by the Jerusalem Council.
5. Keep in mind that the technique used in this class session is basically the same (as far as mechanics are concerned) as the small group method used before and described on page 12, in the lesson for January 13.
6. There are two methods suggested in the lesson plan for acquainting your pupils with the role of presbytery in the life of the Church. You may choose to lecture on the subject, or you may invite an informed ruling elder to speak briefly to the group. His visit will not be a substitute for the lesson; it will be a part of the lesson. Invite him ahead of time, show him how this report fits into your unit of study, and let him know what information the class needs from him.

Assignment for February 17

1. Remind your class members that they will profit most from class sessions if they have done the outside study suggested in *Senior Bible Studies*.
2. Suggest that your pupils will understand next Sunday's lesson better if they, sometime during the week, will see from a map of Paul's second missionary journey that he covers a much larger territory this time and that he moves from Asia Minor into Europe.
3. Assign three persons to prepare these three special reports: (1) "The Geography of the Journey," (2) "The People at Philippi," and (3) "Paul's Corinthian Career." Look over next Sunday's lesson in order to know how to make these assignments specific and how to help the young people who work on these reports.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Creating the Scene: The Jerusalem Council
- III. Lecture, or Report from an Elder
- IV. Concluding Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

First of all, you will want to recall for your pupils (better still, help *them* recall) the events described in Acts 14:26-28.

Paul and Barnabas returned from their first missionary journey full of enthusiasm, thrilled that they had seen so clearly how God was opening up new frontiers among the Gentiles. They were convinced, if they had not been convinced before, that God was working mightily among these foreign peoples.

The church at Antioch was made up of people of all nationalities, a group who by their very life together were proclaiming that God had broken down the barriers that separate man from man. From Paul's discussion in Galatians, it appears that there was no distinction in Antioch Christianity between Jew and Gentile. They recognized by their practice that loyalty to Jesus Christ replaced the prominence which Jewish traditions gave to minute legalistic behavior.

In Galatians 2:11-15, Paul describes an incident that makes the contrast

between Jerusalem and Antioch quite clear. Peter had been with the church at Antioch, making no distinctions between Jew and Gentile. He even ate with his new Gentile brethren. But when some of the leaders of the Church from Jerusalem came to Antioch, Peter backed away from this fraternizing with Gentiles, and Paul had to reprimand him for retreating.

It was natural that among the Jerusalem congregation more importance would be attached to the Jewish traditions. They were people who had all their lives looked to the Temple, the priesthood there, and the holy city, as the center of true religion. It was difficult for them, therefore, to realize that faith in Jesus Christ overshadowed these older practices. It had not yet dawned on them that Christianity was more than a sect of the ancient Jewish religion in which they had been reared.

Paul and Barnabas, on the other hand—and their brethren at Antioch with them—had seen that God worked more convincingly and received a greater response among the Gentiles in pagan cities than he did among those who discreetly kept the Jewish law.

When certain outspoken teachers visited Antioch, declaring that full membership (by circumcision) in the Jewish nation was a requirement for membership in the Christian Church, Paul and Barnabas could not keep silent. They had seen in their work abroad that God calls people to faith in Christ and to membership in his Church without regard for their nationality or former religion. They insisted that these outspoken teachers from the Jerusalem area were adding things not essential to a faith that is complete in Jesus Christ. The dispute, Paul and the Antioch Christians saw, was full of importance for the churches all over the region where he and Barnabas had been working.

Therefore, the church at Antioch again commissioned Paul and Barnabas, this time to be her special representatives before the Apostles and elders at Jerusalem. The time had come when there must be a definite statement of policy for the congregations that had almost no ties with Jewish customs. The question, briefly put, was "Do missionaries of the Christian faith have to be first and foremost missionaries of Jewish nationalism?"

The people who attended the meeting of the Jerusalem Council were the Apostles, elders, and missionaries. The persons who took the largest part in the discussion were Peter, James, Paul, and Barnabas. But the decision was a decision of the entire group. In effect, it advised new converts in Gentile areas to be steadfast in the faith and to display their faith by good behavior. A letter was composed stating this advice and requiring of new Christians nothing more than faith in the Lord Jesus.

Representatives were sent with Paul and Barnabas back to Antioch to deliver the message from the assembly.

This Council of Jerusalem is significant because it clarified for the Church at large the fact that her foundation is faith in Christ. Any *addition* to that faith is an *undermining* of that faith. And missionaries were then free to extend the message of the Church to all people.

Furthermore, a policy was set for settling disputes that affect the life of the Church all over the world. The people who assumed the authority for deciding such issues were the Apostles and elders.

II. Creating the Scene: The Jerusalem Council

The purpose of this part of the class session is to help the students understand the air of tense excitement that surrounded this first Council of the Church. It is one thing to talk about the significance of such a meeting; it is quite another thing to participate realistically in the personal feelings involved. Your students will not really appreciate the meaning of the Spirit's guidance of this Council until they capture the attitudes of the people caught in this tension.

(This is probably a new technique for you as a teacher. Let us urge that you trust your students to grasp the meaning of this chapter in the life of the Church and that you trust the Spirit to guide them to an appreciation of the struggle—as truly as he guided the original Council. Be brave! The method has been tried—and it worked!—with a group as small as four and as large as forty.)

1. Ask your group to imagine that they are going to produce this incident as a scene in a movie—wide screen and all. Divide your class into small groups, and assign to each group one of the following characters or sets of characters: Paul and Barnabas, Peter, and the rest of the crowd. (If your class is as small as four in number, ask the whole group to deal with each character or group of characters in succession.) Their purpose is not to act out the scene, but to imagine that they are going to "coach" the actor or actors who play the parts. Ask them to prepare to state how "their" personality or personalities react to each step of the discussion. For instance, how does Paul feel when he hears Peter's speech? Or, how does Peter, the leading Apostle, feel when these newly prominent missionaries from the church at Antioch are so outspoken?

2. After the class has worked on this phase of the study, using their Bibles, for ten minutes or so, call the class together again. And be ready for some surprising insights! From this point on, your role will be to serve as narrator, asking as you go for a description of the characters' reactions to each shift in the discussion. You will need to ask questions to get the picture clear. Here you will have chances to help the pupils see that harmony in the Church was a product not of pretense but of honest differ-

ences of opinion settled under the Spirit's guidance.

(Did the people who were members of the church in Jerusalem *want* to recognize that the Gentiles were receiving God's mercy? What was the turning point that convinced them? Did the group at first recognize Paul and Barnabas as having as much right to be present and to "speak their piece" as Peter or James? Did the whole group feel a sense of responsibility for the whole world, or did this responsibility become clearer to them during the process of the discussion?)

III. Lecture, or Report from an Elder

The purpose of this part of the class session is to help the young people see that the courts of the Church (Session, Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly)* in our day have the same authority and responsibility that the Council of Jerusalem had. This purpose is to be accomplished either by the teacher's explanation or by an interview with a well-informed ruling elder who understands the role of presbytery in the life of the Church. Which ever method your class uses, you will want these facts to be presented:

Presbytery is made up of the ministers of a given area along with a ruling elder representing each congregation in that area. There is no difference in authority between the lay members (ruling elders) and the ministers (teaching elders). As at the Jerusalem Council, these "commissioners" are not just speaking for their constituency, but are seeking for God's will.

It is the responsibility of presbytery, in general, to oversee the life of the congregations in that area. To this end, presbytery examines and ordains ministers, establishes and dissolves the pastoral relationship between a congregation and its pastor, provides a program for the improvement of the life of the congregations. Someone has said that presbytery, under our form of government, carries out the same function as a bishop in the Episcopal form of government.

IV. Concluding Moments of Dedication

Ask your class to spend some time in silent prayer and meditation. Before this period of silence begins, you could suggest that they think about these items:

Perhaps the reason we do not know the harmony and strength the New Testament Christians found in the Church is that we have not even faced our problems together, much less found the Spirit's guidance to an answer.

We should be grateful for the guidance God has provided for these deliberating bodies of the Church, and we should recognize that his guidance of the Church in this way has brought us our Christian life.

* Consistory, Classis, Particular Synod, General Synod in the Reformed Church in America.

SESSION SEVEN

The Church Reaches into Europe

Acts 16—18

Purpose

A large part of the purpose of this lesson is to lay a foundation for the understanding of the lessons that are to follow and to review the past lessons in the unit. Hereafter, we shall be dealing with the life in a local congregation, problems that arose in the new churches, persecution and its effects, etc. Aim, therefore;

1. At helping your class to see that Paul makes the same approach to the cities of Europe that he made to the cities of Asia Minor.
2. At giving them a knowledge of the events through which the Spirit brought the Church into Europe.

Preparation

1. Understand the place of this lesson as an important step in accomplishing the purpose of the whole unit.
2. Study the map of the second missionary journey as you read Acts 16—18, listing the places visited and the events. You will want to secure a large map to help you in your class presentation. Perhaps you will want a student to point out places on the map as they are mentioned in the class period.
3. Check with the students who have special reports to make during the lesson.
4. Using *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*, study the account of Paul's second missionary journey to become more familiar with the events that took place. (See pages 457-458.)
5. For your own benefit, as well as for the benefit of the class, refer again to "The Spirit's Strategy," page 20 in *Senior Bible Studies*. Think through the significance of Paul's invasion of Greece, an area to which all the Mediterranean world looked for cultural and philosophical leadership. Paul was putting his faith up against the most sophisticated theories and thinkers of his day.
6. Have pencils and paper available for your class members to use during the quiz.

Assignment for February 24

1. Urge your whole class to study the appropriate sections of *Senior Bible Studies* in preparation for next Sunday's class.
2. Ask each pupil, as he studies for next week's session, to list the problems in your congregation about which he thinks Paul would write if he could have addressed a letter to you. Pupils may wish to confer with their parents, advisers, and officers in the preparation of this list.
3. If you have a student or students particularly talented at writing, assign a letter to be written in Paul's name to your class or congregation as a special report.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction: Review-Discussion, and Sketch of the Second Missionary Journey
- II. Reports on Special Assignments
 - A. The Geography of the Journey
 - B. The People at Philippi
 - C. Paul's Corinthian Career
- III. Summary
 - A. Lecture: Other Features of the Journey
 - B. Quiz: Reviewing Previous Lessons in the Unit
- IV. Concluding Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction: Review-Discussion and Sketch of the Second Missionary Journey

A. Review

Although it is frequently embarrassing, the good teacher leads his pupils periodically to review. The purpose of such reviews is for the teacher to evaluate the success of his attempts and to determine what sort of foundations he has to build on in his future teaching. (1) Get the class to recall Paul's first missionary journey, so that later in the session they can compare the second journey with the first to see that the major difference is that the second covered a larger area. The same procedure was used. Help your class remember high lights of the first journey by asking, "What was outstanding about Paul's first missionary journey? What

strategy did he follow? Whom did he represent on this journey? Who traveled with him? What general area did they cover?" (2) Recall the Jerusalem Council which was, in a way, a result of the first missionary journey. Ask questions like, "What was the purpose of the Council of Jerusalem? Why was it significant? How did it affect the missionary movement?"

B. Sketch of the Second Missionary Journey

1. Following the Council of Jerusalem, missionaries could be certain that they were working in harmony with the policies of the whole Church. The Council had decreed that missionaries should go to the Gentiles and that converts from among the Gentiles should be welcomed into the fellowship of Christ. For Paul and Silas, this decree was a "go-signal" as they started out on another journey of faith and service, this time invading another continent.

2. On this journey, Paul chose Silas as his companion. Barnabas again chose John Mark and headed for Cyprus. Both teams of evangelists departed after receiving the blessing of the church at Antioch.

3. Barnabas and Mark returned to Cyprus, where they had worked earlier. Paul and Silas began their journey by visiting some of the churches which had been founded during the first journey, preaching as they went. On this tour, they met Timothy, who accompanied them in their travels.

4. The Holy Spirit was guiding this enterprise, leading the travelers to move from Asia Minor into Macedonia (Acts 16:6-10).

II. Reports on Special Assignments

A. The Geography of the Journey.

The student assigned to present this report will want to use a large map, pointing out the places visited, the general area covered, the time spent at each place, but he will mention only the high lights of the trip. Be sure that the class understands these facts about the journey: (1) The missionaries were invading the mainland of Europe. (2) Paul's visits in these places were for longer periods of time than on his previous journey.

B. The People at Philippi.

The student giving this report could answer the following questions about the leading characters met at Philippi (Lydia, the jailer, the afflicted slave girl): Where and under what circumstances did Paul meet this person? What kind of person was he or she at the time of the meeting? What was the person's response to Paul? What role did this person play in the life of the Church? The Book of Acts does not give answers to all of these questions about each person. Notice, in *Senior Bible Studies*, page 57, the suggestions for studying this lesson.

C. Paul's Corinthian Career.

This time, the reporter will review the events that occurred during Paul's visit to Corinth and will describe the people with whom he worked there. Be sure that these facts are brought out as a result of this report: Paul spent a year and a half working in Corinth. God assured him during this visit that his work in the city would prosper. He made friends with Priscilla and Aquila there, and they accompanied him to Ephesus.

III. Summary

A. Lecture—Other Features of the Journey.

When Paul left Philippi, he spent three weeks working in Thessalonica. There he received a fair response, but the infuriated Jews caused a riot, and Paul had to leave.

In Athens, Paul's approach was a bit different. In his sermon there, he was addressing sophisticated thinkers. His usual audience was familiar with the teachings of the Jewish religion and was looking for the arrival of the Messiah. These Athenians were, in a way, collectors of gods great and small. Paul made his appeal this time, though his message was the same, on the basis that he was delivering a message from the God who created the world. The response at Athens could be considered only fair.

The main facts that we should remember from our study of this journey are these: (1) Paul was still receiving the guidance of the Spirit in his work. He was directed to move into Macedonia, which was on the mainland of Europe. He was assured that his work in Corinth would produce results. (2) He was carrying the Gospel to a new field, to Europe. Again, this movement showed that the Spirit was following the same strategy. From Europe, and particularly from the cultural, economic, and philosophical centers of Greece, people and their ideas moved speedily over the Mediterranean world. (3) Paul still followed the procedure of going first to the Jews, and the Jews were still opposed to his message. (4) It was during this journey that Paul founded churches that were to play a large part in his ministry of writing.

B. Quiz—Review of Previous Lessons in This Unit

Explain to your class that the purpose of this next activity is to help them summarize what they have learned this quarter so that the group can move forward into another phase of the study. You may even want to state that you are not checking up on them, but that, from time to time, we all need to see what foundations have been laid for our future study.

Ask your pupils to work in pairs for this part of the session. Request

that each pair of pupils prepare a set of five questions that would serve as a test on the lessons which have been studied in this unit. Allow five minutes for them to formulate and write out their questions.

Then, collect the sets of questions and distribute them. Be sure that no team receives the quiz which they themselves prepared. Still working in teams of two, using their Bibles and the *Senior Bible Studies*, the pupils will answer the questions on the quiz—at least in outline form.

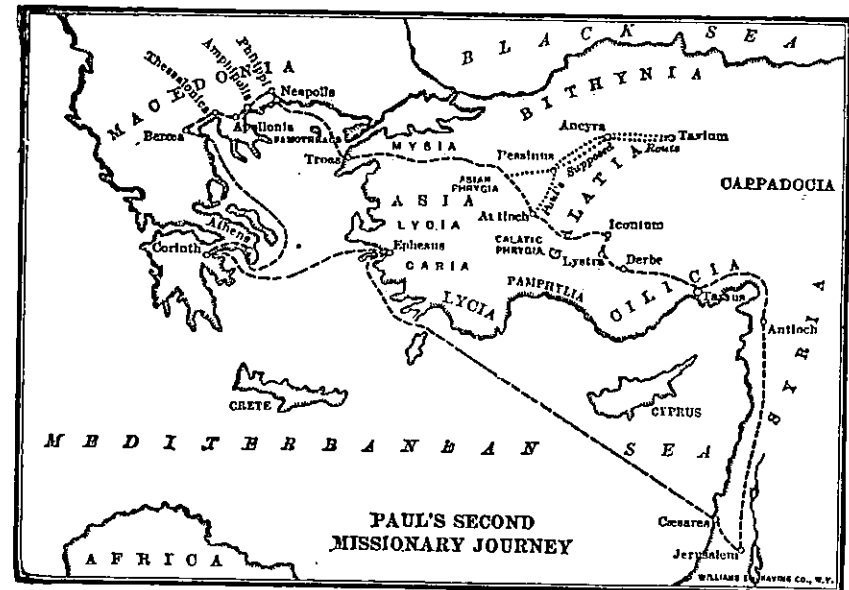
After about ten minutes, call for a team to volunteer a description of the questions and answers on which they worked. Then other teams could state other important aspects of this unit of study brought out in their set of questions.

IV. Closing Moments of Dedication

In these last moments with your class, lead them to offer a prayer of thanks and intercession.

Thanks—that God has guided his people to share the Gospel, that he has given to all men the privilege of belief, that he has called us to believe and to share.

Intercession—for new congregations on the mission fields (be specific—Japan, the Congo, etc.), for the leaders in these young churches and the missionaries who work with them, for the gift of the Spirit to revive his Church at home and abroad.



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SESSION EIGHT

Life in a Local Congregation

I Corinthians 1—4

Purpose

1. To guide your group to see that the Early Church had difficulties as well as successes.
2. To help your group to see that God speaks through Paul to the twentieth century as well as first century Christians when he advises them about their difficulties.
3. To help your class recognize that God is as eager to help the Church develop as he is to see new churches founded.
4. To show that God's prescription—complete dedication to Christ—is the answer to the problems of the present day Church as well as of the first century Corinthian church.

Preparation

1. Reread the purpose, revise it as necessary for your pupils, and use it as the guiding principle for your class session.
2. Study the materials, in both the *Senior Bible Studies* and this quarterly, for this lesson.
3. To get a better understanding of the situation to which Paul was writing, read the introduction to this letter in J. B. Phillips' *Letters to Young Churches* and the article "Corinth" in *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*.
4. Study, with the aid of a good commentary, like *The Interpreter's Bible*, these first four chapters of I Corinthians.
5. Review the procedure for buzz groups on page 12.
6. Be sure you have a chalkboard to be used in the teaching of this lesson.

Assignment for March 3

1. Remind the class to continue their outside preparation, using the "Guidance for Your Own Bible Study" in *Senior Bible Studies*.
2. Ask the pupils to decide, as they study, what topic dealt with by Paul is the most surprising part of his letter.

3. Ask your class to list topics on which they wish Paul could write to them today.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Buzz Groups: Studying the Three Letters
- III. Discussion of Buzz Group Findings
- IV. Summary and Application
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

At the time Paul wrote this letter, Corinth was one of the most wicked cities in the world. On his visit there during his second missionary journey, the Spirit had to assure Paul that his work would produce results. Few congregations received from the leadership of the Church as much attention as the Corinthian converts did; Paul, Peter, and Apollos all preached and worked among these people. The city was a commercial center, the wealthiest and most important city in Greece. It was important to Paul that the church in this place be especially strong because it stood at a crossroads of the world.

But all was not well with this infant congregation! Temptations to return to paganism abounded. There was quarreling among the brethren, divisions in the ranks. Immorality had established a beachhead among the believers.

To this situation, Paul addressed some of his greatest writing and some of his most down-to-earth advice. Today we are studying the first four chapters of I Corinthians in an attempt to find out what life was like in a local congregation.

II. Buzz Groups: Studying the Three Letters

Again, divide your class into groups of five each, as you did in the second lesson of this quarter. Check page 12 to review details of this procedure.

Assign to each group either the two "Imaginary Epistles," page 39 in *Senior Bible Studies*, or I Corinthians 1:4-13, 30-31. Let each group answer these three questions: (1) What is the most commendable thing in the church? (2) What is the thing that deserves the harshest criticism?

(3) Why is this a serious problem?

(This is a section of the Scriptures that young people have a hard time grasping. You may want to tell the group (or groups) that are working with I Corinthians that they can find the answer to question 1 in verses 4-9, the answer to question 2 in verses 10-12, and the answer to question 3 in verses 13, 30-31. Even with these suggestions, you may have to help the group when their report is made to the class.)

III. Discussion of Buzz Group Findings

While the small groups are studying, mark off your chalkboard to prepare for their reports:

Question	Teresa's letter	Rose Mary's letter	Paul's letter
1			
2			
3			

Call for the reports, one question at a time, listing the commendations from each letter, then going to the criticism, and finally to the reason why the problem is serious.

1. Call to the attention of your group the fact that even in a congregation that has serious shortcomings Paul finds something commendable: The grace of God has been given to them, and God's grace has produced the ability to understand and interpret the faith.

2. Divisions among the Christians. Help your class to see that in different ages and places this problem expresses itself in different forms. In the day of Paul, the Corinthians were divided according to which leader was their favorite. At other times and in other places, these divisions occur over positions on current issues, leaders, and the various aspects of the work of the Church. Help your class to see that this is a problem in our day, as the Church is divided into competing denominations, com-

peting individuals in any congregation, and groups competing for prominence at all levels of the Church's life. Help your class to discuss this problem intelligently and without gossiping. If the discussion degenerates to gossip, move quickly to the report on question 3, as Paul's treatment of this problem shows that the obvious divisions are not the crux of the matter.

3. There is no way to predict what the young people will say in answer to this question. Briefly stated, Paul's prescription is, "Submit yourselves to Christ." On the basis of their study, help the students see that this *is* his message. In verse 13, for instance, Paul shifts their attention from their leaders to their Lord. In verses 30-31, he insists that in themselves they have nothing to boast about, for they are all indebted to Jesus Christ. In verses 16-29, he points out to the Corinthians that they had nothing to be proud of before they received Christ. In *Senior Bible Studies*, page 58, the guidance for this lesson suggests that the basic problem in the church was "too low a loyalty."

Also get your group to see as a result of this study that Paul was concerned that the Corinthians were not growing in their Christian life. He was not just taking advantage of an opportunity to berate them, nor was he looking for a chance to boast. He was honestly involved in their problems and wanted to help them get straightened out. He felt a sense of responsibility for their growth, just as he had felt responsible for establishing the church in Corinth. He was helping them expose the factors that stood in the way of their development. And they had apparently been unconscious of the seriousness of their mistakes.

IV. Summary and Application

(If someone in your class has written a letter pretending that Paul is writing to your congregation or class, this will be the point at which you will use the letter as a basis for class discussion. Also, you could use the questions below to guide your class into a discussion of Paul's message, in I Corinthians 1-4, to the Church today. Remind your class that when we speak of the Church we speak of all Christian groups. Therefore, you could break the discussion of each question into segments, relating each question to specific groups—the family, the class, the youth fellowship, the congregation.)

A. Summary

By writing this letter, Paul was showing that he had a deep, permanent concern for his brethren at Corinth.

1. Although there was much in their life that deserved harsh criticism, he introduced his letter, as we have seen, with a word of thankfulness and commendation. We also saw that Paul expresses this thankfulness and

this commendation in several ways. He speaks of "the grace of God" given to them, of their ability to understand and interpret their faith, and he says that they were "not lacking in any spiritual gift."

2. But neither were they perfect! Paul goes on then to call a spade a spade. He realizes that they probably do not see their own mistakes and the seriousness of these mistakes. His job, therefore, is as much to call attention to the problem (to get it out into the open) as it is to rebuke them. As Paul describes the situation, the church in Corinth is an assembly of competing groups. Instead of producing deeper faith in Christ, the work among them by outstanding leaders has been the basis for their divisions.

3. In the face of this situation, Paul does not issue orders; instead, he proceeds to analyze the seriousness of the situation. First, he says, dedication to Christ should have produced harmony rather than dissension. He expresses it another way when he says that the behavior of the Corinthian Christians shows that they have not grasped even the most basic Christian message (I Corinthians 3:1-2). And he calls to their attention the fact that all the leaders who have worked with them are fellow workers with one another; in other words, the division is not created by the leaders who worked there, the responsibility for division lies with the Corinthians themselves. And these divisions are serious because they show a failure to submit wholeheartedly to the Lord. In I Corinthians 4:16-17, Paul indicates that his example is to be followed, and his example consists of faith in Christ. He calls these Christians to imitate him. The reason Paul issues such a call is that the Corinthian Christians know him as a person who gives God credit for his successes. The Corinthian Christians, on the other hand, are eager for personal prominence and success.

B. Application

1. If Paul were writing to us today as he did to the Corinthian Christians, what could he find to commend? What results has the grace of God produced in us? The Corinthians had received the ability to understand and interpret their faith. Have we this ability? How does it show? How well do we use this gift? For instance, God gives his people the ability to understand his truth; do we use this ability by studying for each of these class sessions? Can we discuss our Christian faith as intelligently as we can discuss last week's history lesson?

2. Paul stated that he was concerned about the condition of the church at Corinth because they were divided into competing groups. What part does competition play in the life of our Christian group? Do you attend Sunday school to win an attendance award or to be taught by the Holy Spirit? Are we secretly proud of the fact that our youth program is stronger than the program of another denomination in town? Is it easier

to be loyal to the minister, adviser, teacher, president, than it is to be dedicated to Christ? Are we really concerned about the whole group and its development in the faith, or do we care only about being "in" with our particular small crowd?

(During the next section of the discussion, it will be easy for the class to say glibly that the problem today, as with the Corinthian church, was a failure to "believe in Christ." Be sure that they understand what they are saying when they make this charge. Help them be specific in analyzing the problems of the Church today, and in applying the Gospel to those problems.)

3. Paul was leading the Corinthians to see the seriousness of their behavior. Does our grasp of the basic Christian message enable us to live in harmony with one another? What signs of harmony can you cite? Does harmony mean more than an absence of conflict? What more? Striving for the same goals? Working energetically together to advance the Kingdom? Accepting and loving people as they are? The factors that keep us from growing are so subtle that, unless we concentrate our attention on Christ, we shall find ourselves in a worse predicament than the Corinthians. Their attention was focused on some lesser goal than following Jesus. What are some of the lesser goals that we give top priority? Putting on good programs? Making a good impression? What else?

V. Closing Moments of Dedication

You want to lead this discussion to the point where your pupils will see that we frequently give our attention to superficial problems when our real problem is far more basic.

For your concluding prayer, therefore, you could suggest that the group pray silently, asking for light to see themselves as they really are—concerned about a number of lesser lords. After this period of silent confession, you could use, from *The Book of Common Worship*, this general confession,

"Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy name. Amen."*

* *The Book of Common Worship*, John Knox Press, 1946, p. 21.

SESSION NINE

The Church Affects All Aspects of Life

I Corinthians 5—7

Purpose

To help the young people see that the Church's message is meant to change a person's attitude toward every phase of his life. Therefore, the Church is diligent not only about extending her borders and enlarging her membership but also about helping her members become channels for proclaiming the Gospel by whatever they do.

Preparation

1. Study the purpose for this lesson, revise it to fit your group, and make it the guide for your planning of this session.
2. Go over both the students' material and these suggestions as preparation to teach this lesson.
3. With the help of *The Interpreter's Bible* or some other good commentary, study these three chapters in I Corinthians so that you will understand Paul's message to the various phases of the life of the church at Corinth.
4. If there is someone in your town who has participated in a work camp sponsored either by the World Council of Churches or by our denomination, talk with that person to increase your own understanding of a particular experience in which the whole life of an intimate community is used to express the Christian faith. In this connection you can refer to the reading book for World Missions, *Give and Take*, by Ahrens.
5. Probably several of your pupils have taken part in a youth camp or conference in which they saw that every aspect of life is affected by the Gospel—work, play, study, worship, casual contacts. Plan to refer to these experiences.
6. Ask ahead of time several of your class members to report, "What is the most surprising thing Paul talks about?" This will be a part of the class discussion.
7. You will need a chalkboard for this session.

Assignment for March 10

1. Ask each pupil to prepare for next week's class by using the "Guidance for Your Own Bible Study" in *Senior Bible Studies*.
2. Ask each pupil to write a one-sentence definition of the word *worship*.
3. Appoint three pupils to form a panel next week—one to discuss the meaning of worship, the second to describe specific experiences of worship, and the third to use "Rhythmic Living" in *Senior Bible Studies* as the basis for his discussion regarding the place of worship in the Christian life.

TEACHING THE LESSON

The Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Research Reading and Report on Surprises
- III. Lecture: Paul's Messages to the Corinthians
- IV. Application—Discussion
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

Last week we talked about Paul's concern that his friends at Corinth did not grasp the Gospel with greater strength. The passages we study today are a continuation of this expression of concern. We are to see that he discusses in this letter a multitude of topics, in each case relating the Gospel to some aspect of life which the Corinthians had not given over to God's control. Another way of saying this same thing is that the Christians at Corinth did not see how the Gospel applied to large segments of their lives. Paul's letter is an explanation of the Gospel, insisting that the message does have practical meaning for behavior.

II. Research Reading and Reports on Surprises

We too often think that the Christian, and the Christian leader in particular, goes around the world pretending that nothing is really wrong, that all is sweetness and light. But we shall see in this study that Paul did not hesitate to "roll up his sleeves" and get his hands dirty dealing with earthy matters. In order to see the variety of interests to which the Gospel speaks, we shall spend some time silently reading several passages. After this reading time, we shall list on the chalkboard the various items which Paul discusses. Read, therefore, and mentally list the problems that Paul

writes about. These are the passages to be studied: I Corinthians 5:6-13; 6:1-8; 6:12-20; and 7:1-16. (If your class is large, you will want to divide your group into small groups, giving one passage to each huddle.)

After your class has read these passages (allow about ten minutes), list on the chalkboard the various items that came to their attention during the reading. These are some of the topics they will find:

- 5:6-13 Immorality in the church
- 6:1-8 Disputes among Christians carried into pagan courts
Christians defrauding one another
Church members should be able to settle differences between their brethren
- 6:12-20 Sexual promiscuity
Union with a prostitute is defilement of the Body of Christ
The believer's body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
- 7:1-16 The family
Marriage union
Religion in the home
Separation and remarriage
Widowhood

Get individuals, who have been asked ahead of time, to state which item in this list is the most surprising to find Paul talking about. Which would they have least expected him to mention?

III. Lecture: Paul's Messages to the Corinthians

Paul's frankness makes us think that he sees nothing surprising about his discussion of these matters. We can imagine that the Corinthians were more surprised than we are. But the Apostle Paul took seriously the fact that God wants to control not only the whole world but also each individual's whole life.

You have just read the passages on which our study for today is based. You will want to follow in your Bibles as we talk about each of these passages. Remember from last week that Paul used a great deal of space in his letter to show the Corinthians how serious their divisions were. Now he turns his attention to some other problems that reflect a failure to grasp the meaning of the Gospel and show their need for growth in the faith.

In the first section that you read, I Corinthians 5:6-13, Paul displays his shock at the crude immorality within the church. The specific case is a man who is living with his father's wife. Paul calls this what it is—grievous sin. But he is also shocked that the church has not divorced herself from such characters. The wickedness is all the worse because the man involved has professed his belief in Christ. Such a separation of behavior from creed is not to be tolerated! In the name of God, Paul pronounces

judgment on the offender and commands the church to remove him from its fellowship. The church has also offended in this matter by not recognizing the danger of tolerating such behavior among her members.

In reading 6:1-8, you discovered that Paul discusses the problem of Christians having grievances with one another and seeking a settlement from courts that do not recognize Christian standards of love. He reprimands the Corinthians for not taking advantage of the fact that God has given his Spirit to members of the Church to guide them in making Christian decisions and to build a genuine Christian fellowship. A major part of the witness of the Church is the life that her members live together. According to Paul, therefore, it is more important for that witness to be made than it is for each individual member to receive his legal rights.

Sexual promiscuity is discussed by Paul in 6:12-20. At the beginning and at the end of this discussion, he states that the body is meant for God, that it is the dwelling place of God. This discussion shows that the Gospel is not a "spiritual" vagueness but that it deals directly with flesh and blood realities. Even our hands and feet are God's possessions. The remaining sections of his attack on immorality are based on these facts: The Christian is a member of the Body of Christ; the Christian's body is a part of his personality; by union with a prostitute, the sinner is uniting the Body of Christ with unwholesomeness. This is a rank misuse of God's gift, the body.

I Corinthians 7:1-16 contains Paul's discussion of the family as it is understood from the Christian point of view. Paul's treatment of this topic is limited to the problem of sex and the problem of marriage with an unbeliever, because those are the specific problems that had arisen in the Corinthian church. In other places, notably in Ephesians 5, he expresses a more complete understanding of the Christian family, and there he compares the union between a man and his wife with the union of Christ and his Church. Here, however, he is dealing with particular difficulties that had come to his attention. He states that marriage is the proper safeguard against passion, and that the sexual union is a mutual giving of one's self to one's husband or wife. His thinking about marriage is colored by his expectancy of the immediate return of Christ. He advises against getting entangled in what could be distractions when the time is so short. If any person is separated from husband or wife, that person is to remain single or else be reunited with the same spouse. Again, Paul advises that the Christian who is married to an unbeliever should not flee from home responsibilities but should work toward the conversion of the unbelieving member of the family.

From a brief glance at this portion of Paul's letter, we can see that the Church should speak to all phases of life, that each believer's faith should affect his patterns of behavior. We have studied this passage not so much

to master all the information and advice given as to see that the Church's concerns are as broad as life itself. If the problems of the church in Corinth had been of a different variety, Paul would have addressed his remarks to whatever problems they faced.

IV. Discussion: Application

During this part of the class session, you want the class to express their conscious need for help in facing their current life situations. Call for reports which were assigned last week. Perhaps the group, unless you can guide them skilfully, will not realize that they are facing problems every day. They may express their confusion in such words as, "How can I know right from wrong?" or "How can I know the will of God?" Try to help them see that they do not need answers to abstract questions of this sort as much as they need to have the Gospel brought to bear on specific decisions they face. For instance, help them ask their questions this way, "How can I behave as a Christian in my social life?" "What does the Gospel have to say about dating? About boy-girl relationships in general?" "What does sex mean to the mature Christian?" "How can I, as a Christian, make my choice about vocations?" "Where can I get help to be a good steward of my time?" "What does the Gospel say to me, a teen-ager, in my home?"

Once your group has exposed their sense of need in several areas like this, help them to see that the Church's life is keyed to offer help in developing Christian attitudes toward various aspects of life. Perhaps some of them have had a sentence from a sermon help them. Youth Fellowship programs frequently deal with just such issues as these. This unit of study, for instance, is designed to help them understand their place in the life of the Church. Through her members—friends, teachers, parents, advisers, pastors, wise adults, the Church offers assistance to youth facing problems. Another advantage, not available to the Corinthian church in Paul's day, is that we have the Scriptures to give us guidance.

V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Close this session with a prayer confessing that we have not tried to find the relationship between our faith and our behavior, and asking for guidance in the search for Christian concepts that will affect our everyday behavior.

SESSION TEN

Worship—Hindrances and Helps

I Corinthians 11

Purpose

1. To help your young people understand what worship is, appreciate the place it occupied in the life of the Early Church and the place it should occupy in every Christian's life.
2. To help them find from Paul's advice to the Corinthians a knowledge of how to prepare for public worship, particularly for the Holy Communion.

Preparation

1. Read through the purpose for this session several times and use it as the guide in your preparation for this class session.
2. Study the materials for this lesson in your Bible, in this guide, and in *Senior Bible Studies*.
3. In Rachel Henderlite's *A Call to Faith*, read the chapter, "The Response of Worship," pages 173-176. (John Knox Press, 1955)
4. In *Senior Bible Studies*, study the definition of sacrament given in the questionnaire, "What Do You THINK?" page 30.
5. Study, in *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, these questions and answers concerning the Lord's Supper: 88, 91-93, 96-97; in *The Heidelberg Catechism*, see questions and answers 65-68, 75-82.
6. Be sure to check with the three class members who will be on the panel so that you can help them get their material well in hand.
7. For your own information look up the word "worship" in an unabridged dictionary. This will also be a part of the job for one of the panel members.

Assignment for March 17

Remind your pupils to continue their use of "Guidance for Your Own Bible Study" in *Senior Bible Studies*.

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TEACHING THE LESSON

The Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Panel Discussion:
 - A. The Meaning of Worship
 - B. Experiences of Worship
 - C. The Place of Worship in the Christian Life
 - D. Additions from the Class
- III. Directed Study: Paul's Advice to the Corinthians About Worship
- IV. Explanation: The Reality of Worship
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

Explain to your class that after the panel's presentation and after supplementary remarks regarding their definitions of worship (prepared as part of the assignment for this lesson), the whole class will participate in a study of I Corinthians 11.

Then state to the class what each member of the panel will discuss. (If your class is quite small, you could accomplish the same purpose by having this information presented as reports on these topics.)

II. Panel Discussion

A. *The Meaning of Worship.*

There are several approaches which could be used by the person making this presentation. He could begin by looking up the word "worship" in an unabridged dictionary. Or, he could take as his starting point the first of the Ten Commandments, supplementing it with the first of the two great commandments given by our Lord (Matthew 22:37). Then, he could go into an explanation stating that to worship is to express loyalty and devotion. Also, this person could use some classic descriptions of worship—"practicing the presence of God," "coming face to face with the Almighty," "celebrating the majesty of the Maker."

B. *Experiences of Worship.*

This person will want to cite instances in which God's presence has been clearly known. One young man said that he had never been as certain of God's presence with him as he was the time when a wreck occurred; he was the first person to the scene; and he was sure that God controlled

his actions as he went about administering first aid. Another man says that he meets God face to face during the preaching of a sermon that makes the Scripture speak for God to him personally. Others feel awe at the beauty of a sunset and are moved to offer thanks to God for his handiwork. The more personal the reporter will make this presentation, the more effective the discussion will be. He might also analyze the order of service for your congregation's regular worship service and show what contribution each part of the service makes. Or, he might base his discussion on a study of these elements of worship: praise, thanksgiving, petition, confession, intercession, and dedication. Or, Isaiah's call (Isaiah 6:1-8) could be studied and described as an illustration of the elements of worship: vision of God, vision of self, purification, mission, and dedication.

C. *The Place of Worship in the Christian Life*

Using the article, "Rhythmic Living," page 41 in *Senior Bible Studies*, this person could simply summarize what he has learned about worship during this unit of study.

D. *Additions from the Class*

Call for suggestions from the class regarding worship, and get their honest reactions to the presentations made by the panel. See if the definitions prepared outside class add any new ideas to the discussion by the panel.

In order to make this study specific, it would be good to move into an analysis of some of the class's opportunities to worship. On what occasions have you really known God's presence? All of us have had some moments in which God has spoken directly to us; what were some of these occasions? Does worship with the rest of the congregation provide such experiences? What is it about these moments that is different from club meetings or other group activities? Some of our most definite experiences of God's presence have come during summer conferences and at special high moments. Does the group which is devoting itself to God's purposes, asking for his guidance in prayer, have anything to do with these high moments?

III. Directed Study: Paul's Advice to the Corinthians About Worship

(As you lead your pupils in the study of this chapter, ask them to follow your remarks by going through this passage as you speak. You may want to use the chalkboard to list the major items discussed in the chapter.)

In your study this week with the help of *Senior Bible Studies*, you have seen that the first sixteen verses of the chapter are Paul's discussion about

the tradition of women having their heads covered during worship. His specific advice in this case does not mean a great deal to us now, but the thing we can see from this paragraph is that there are traditions and customs that deserve respect in worship. We would describe a violation of these customs as "unfitting," for they interfere with people's consciousness of the presence of God. Extremely unusual hats, clothes, or behavior in a worship service call attention to themselves instead of leading people to converse with God.

In verses 17-22, Paul implies that the Corinthian Christians are guilty of giving their allegiance to small groups within the congregation, when they should all be giving their allegiance to God. This confusion is a real test of the characters in the congregation. Paul is saying, in a way, that human personalities should not intrude on the congregation's worship. Maybe these statements by Paul help us understand why we meet God so definitely at the high moments we have mentioned at summer conferences. The whole group in that situation—even the leaders, are concentrating on God rather than on their own importance. So, the leaders conduct us into the presence of God by being in his presence themselves. You will remember from our first lesson in this quarter that this same thing happened on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit came to the disciples. They were all devotedly seeking God's guidance.

After these remarks, Paul, in verses 23-29, takes up the specific case of the Lord's Supper. The reason he deals with it in detail is that he considers it the highest form of worship and therefore the standard for measuring all experiences of worship. Your *Senior Bible Studies* (in "Rhythmic Living") states that it "commemorates and recaptures the highest moment of God's revelation of his love for man." We can draw these conclusions on the basis of Paul's discussion of worship in general and the Lord's Supper in particular: (1) Worship is God-given. "I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you . . ." (2) To participate in a worship service without recognizing it as worship is to be profane, to show dishonor to God (verse 27). The person who does not recognize God's presence is not only missing a valuable experience, he is in an outright attack against God. (3) A necessary step toward worship is self-examination (verse 28). According to Isaiah's experience, it is a part of worship itself. In the moment when he saw the Lord, he saw also himself, "Woe is me . . . unclean." (4) Verse 29 carries a thought quite similar to that of verse 27. The profane person, who does not recognize God in worship, not only attacks God, he also is condemning himself in God's eyes. (5) To be in God's presence through worship, conscious of our inadequacies, is to receive God's healing, correction, and strength (verse 32). (6) The attitude and action of one believer toward another affects their experience of worship (verse 33). Remember that Jesus ordered the worshiper, if he

had anything against his brother, first to be reunited with his brother and *then* come to worship. Paul is saying that the Corinthians have contaminated worship by improper competition within their group. Instead of their meal being a love feast, it had become a grab fest.

IV. Explanation: The Reality of Worship

One of Paul's basic convictions is that worship is God-given. God gives himself to mankind in Jesus Christ, and men receive this gift through worship, the means which God uses to continue to reveal himself. In addition to this revelation of himself—through the sacraments and his Word—God also gives to mankind a desire to express devotion. There is a hymn that expresses well the fact that *God* is in control of the Christian response:

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Saviour true;
No, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
'Twas not so much that I on thee took hold
As thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole
Of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
For thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
Always thou lovedst me.

God bares himself where people worship. To be present without recognizing him there is to do violence to his kindness. We think of "putting on a devotional," when we should think instead of worshipping God. We expect to *feel* his presence, when it should be enough for us simply to recognize that he is here. Should we invite people to "attend church" or to "worship God"? Should we gather for worship because we have a good preacher and a nice choir, or because God is in this place? Should we be satisfied to mumble a few phrases and claim that we have prayed, or do we need communion with the Great Person?

The only thing that enables a man to see himself honestly is to see himself in comparison with God's goodness. It is easy for us to compare our virtues with the failures of other people (who gamble, drink, curse, and do all sorts of terrible things), but no man stands proud when he sees the goodness of God. For instance, one lady says that she has absolutely no right to be in God's presence. Again, we should be specific when we start to examine ourselves. It is not enough to admit that we "commit sins"; we ought to admit, "I acted ugly to my folks. . . ." It is not enough to say, "I'm guilty," because I am guilty of a number of things—I do not

study, I talked about so-and-so, I never can admit that I am wrong. This kind of preparation for worship enables us to approach God in the proper spirit, a spirit of confession and repentance.

Once we have recognized that God is here, once we have recognized that we have no right here, then we are open enough to receive God's healing ministry, his judgment, his correction. Worship, therefore, is a gift to those who do more than just listen attentively. The person who has prepared himself (and God does even the work of preparation in him) is able to find in the service the Word of God to him personally. This openness to God was one of the strengths of the New Testament Church.

A person comes to worship—the same person he has always been. He is not a creature who attaches attitudes to himself; he is made up of these attitudes and characteristics. In the same way, the Church comes to worship with the same conflicts and grievances among her members that these people have built into their group life. The worshiper comes into God's presence not to see what warm feelings he can get; he comes to worship in order to be united with others in their common devotion to the Lord.

The Christian seeks worship, because God has sought and seized him. He comes to worship to express his gratitude, to secure renewal at the hand of God, to be cleansed, to share God's responsibility and love for the whole world, and to offer himself for service.

This kind of experience does not just happen, it is a gift to the person who is prepared to receive it.

V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Make this a prayer asking for God's guidance in preparing for worship in the next hour and thanking him for the privilege of worship.

SESSION ELEVEN

Comes the Persecution!

Revelation 1

Purpose

1. To help your class recall incidents in which the Church was persecuted and the attitudes which Christians have had toward persecution.
2. To help young people realize wherein persecution is a present reality in other parts of the world and in their own experience.
3. To help your pupils, through a study of Revelation, to discover what the Christian Gospel says by way of comfort and encouragement to people under persecution.

Preparation

1. Study the purpose for this session until it becomes the guide for your planning.
2. Study the materials for this lesson, including *Senior Bible Studies*, your Bible, and this guide.
3. With the assistance of a good commentary, study Revelation 1, looking for the comfort and encouragement offered to Christians under persecution. Dr. J. E. Bear's study guide on Revelation, in *Understanding the Books of the New Testament*, is especially designed for lay students. (Patrick H. Carmichael, ed., John Knox Press, 1952, pp. 179-205)
4. In *The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*, read the section on Revelation, pages 513-515, to help you understand the background of this book.

Assignment for March 24

Show your pupils, in *Senior Bible Studies*, the two-page chart which will help them study Revelation 2 and 3.

TEACHING THE LESSON

The Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Recall: Events of Persecution

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- III. Discussion: Persecution Today
- IV. Study: Revelation 1, A Message to the Persecuted
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

A. Setting the Scene

Up to this time, our unit of study has dealt with two main sections; first, the birth and early growth of the Church, and second, the effect that the Church and her Gospel had on the congregation in Corinth. Now, we move into a third section of the study, as we look at the fact of persecution and the Christian reactions to this mistreatment.

B. Preface to the Lesson

The Apostle John, writing to his fellow Christians, says, "The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him." (I John 3:1) Our lesson today will help us see how the world has expressed this refusal to recognize God at work in his Church, and it will help us see what the Christian attitude under persecution is.

II. Recall: Events of Persecution

From this particular unit of study and from their general knowledge of history, help your class remember and list incidents in which the Church was persecuted. State to the class that it would be possible to trace the development of persecution of God's people from the early stages of the history of Israel, and to treat the death of Jesus as an instance of persecution. But the place we choose to start is at Pentecost, the time of the coming of the Spirit. Help your class include these incidents in their list of events: Acts 3—Peter and John were arrested after healing the lame man and preaching in the temple; Acts 4:23-31—the response to this persecution was that the Church prayed for power to speak God's Word boldly; Acts 7—the martyrdom of Stephen; Acts 8—believers were scattered, preaching; Acts 13-14—Paul and Barnabas were opposed by the Jews on the first missionary journey, at Lystra Paul was stoned; Acts 16-18—Paul and Silas were persecuted during the second journey too; at Philippi they were imprisoned, at Thessalonica they were carried into court. We have not studied this section of the Book of Acts, but the latter part of it tells the story of Paul's imprisonment, and a good portion of the New Testament is letters Paul wrote from prison to his Christian friends. When these incidents have been listed, call to the class' attention the fact that most of the persecution up to this point is the work of the Jews who were opposed to the Christian message. Frequently the Jews hailed Christians into court and pressed charges before civil authorities, but the gov-

ernment, up to the time of Nero, dealt with the problem only when the Jews insisted that action be taken.

During Nero's reign, there was a widespread persecution of Christians, and this persecution was carried on by the Roman government. "Things were happening in Rome. A nine-day fire broke out, completely annihilating three out of fourteen districts of the city, and gutting seven others. Whether Nero was responsible for the fire or not, the populace soon laid the blame at his door. He had admired the spectacle while it raged. He gloated over the opportunity to rebuild the city in more magnificent style. . . . Hatred was mounting, revolution brewing. In fear, Nero cast about for some scapegoat on whom he could pin guilt and turn attention away from himself. He chose the Christians. Did they not believe that the world was to come to a sudden end by fire? Was it not possible, then that they had set this fire to hasten the end of the world? It sounded plausible.

"In addition to charging them with the fire, he charged them as enemies of humanity and traitors to the state through their worship of Jesus as Lord. A reign of terror ensued. Christians were covered with animal skins and worried to death by wild dogs. They were crucified. They were soaked in pitch and set on fire as torches to light the imperial gardens for the Circensian games."*

This government-sponsored, empire-wide persecution continued in greater or less intensity until the early part of the fourth century.

III. Discussion: Persecution Today

Now, get your class to continue their listing, this time including instances of persecution in our day. They may have heard stories from behind the Iron Curtain, they may remember stories from World War II about the Nazi persecution of the Church, they have probably heard from missionaries stories of persecution overseas, and there have been stories of the Church's persecution in the daily newspapers. From their study this quarter, they may remember the story of Chuck in the lesson for January 27, and from *Senior Bible Studies* the accounts of Pastor Hamil and Paul Schneider in the articles, "The Church Under Persecution" and "A Twentieth Century Martyr."

In a way, we are tempted to wish that our situation made it possible for us to have our faith tested by such persecution. But really, our faith is being put to a test. In our case, however, the testing is not so dramatic. Under persecution by the state, people are asked the point-blank question, "Do you believe?" and the answer to that question determines whether they are subjected to this kind of mistreatment. But in our culture, which has been affected by the Christian ideals and which has been

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hardened by overexposure to the elements of the creed, the testing comes as believers make daily choices that express their faith. Maybe you can think of situations in which a person's convictions have caused him at least, discomfort. In what situations does this occur? What is our usual reaction to such discomfort? Do we seek strength to stand firm? Do we compromise our convictions in order to escape the discomfort? Do we just try to get out of the situation as quickly as possible, without letting anyone know what our convictions are? Besides standing fast, another way that we participate with the persecuted Church is by feeling so keenly the difficulties faced by the Church, for instance in East Germany, that our own faith is strengthened and we are able to be more faithful to our Lord. Our faith too is being tested. In order to meet the challenge of this test, we have to be as earnest about our faith as are the people who are called upon to die for the faith. What is the difference between being called into court because of your beliefs and being sneered at or ignored because you do not go along with the crowd? (This discussion should help your group see the importance of their daily life, and it should serve the further purpose of showing members of the group that, though they frequently feel alone in their convictions, they are supported by the fellowship of the rest of the class and of the Church.)

V. Study: Revelation 1, a Message to the Persecuted

(You want to use the first few paragraphs from "Guidance for Your Own Bible Study" in *Senior Bible Studies*, page 60, for March 17, as an introductory statement to the group's study of Revelation 1. Either your class thinks that to get anything out of Revelation is hopeless or they think they understand it when really they have only a garbled picture. The books listed in "Preparation" for this lesson will be especially helpful to you as you try to find and share some wisdom that will help you study this book.)

It is surprising to us to see that the world has always persecuted the people of God. But what is more surprising is the attitude of God's people when they are subjected to persecution. Stephen prayed, as he died, for the forgiveness of the people stoning him. Paul returned to Lystra, the place where his persecutors had left him for dead. The Church, after the first imprisonment of Peter and John, prayed for power to speak God's Word with boldness. The source from which the Church under persecution draws her strength and finds guidance is the Word of God. Today we shall look at a message in God's Word, a message from a servant of God living under threats to the people of God who were suffering persecution.

Divide your group into groups of five (refer again, if necessary, to the description of buzz groups, on page 12 in the lesson for January 13) and

ask each group to study all of the following sections from Revelation. Give them the following clues as to what they will find in each section.

Verse 4—A description of God, by John

Verses 5-6—A description of Jesus, by John

Verse 8—First, God's description of himself, and then John's description of God

Verse 17b-18—Jesus' description of himself.

You could list these verses and the corresponding clues on the chalkboard while the groups are studying. Then, after about six minutes, as the groups report to the class, you could fill in the elements of each description. The result will look something like this:

Verse 4—John's description of God:

The One who is
who was
who is to come

Verses 5-6—John description of Jesus:

the faithful witness
the firstborn of the dead
the ruler of kings on earth
the One who loves us

has freed us from our sins . . .

has made us a kingdom

has made us priests to his God and Father

Verse 8—God's description of himself:

the Alpha and the Omega

John's description of the Lord God:

the One who is
who was
who is to come

the Almighty

Verses 17b-18—Christ's description of himself:

the first and the last

the living One

died and alive forever more

has keys of Death and Hades

When you have listed these descriptions on the chalkboard, help your group to summarize their significance as a message to the persecuted. First, ask the group to see from the listing what are the major emphases that run through all of these descriptions. You could point out, if the group does not realize it already, that "Alpha and Omega" mean the same thing as "the first and the last." Note also the repetition of the formula, "is . . . was . . . is to come," as another way of emphasizing

permanence. Briefly expressed, the first message to the persecuted believers is, "*Your God is eternal!*" To get your class to see another element in the message, point out that there is an emphasis on the resurrection. To the world, the most astonishing element of the Church's message was the resurrection of Christ; to the Church, the resurrection of Christ was the basis of her message and life, because it was the greatest display of God's power. In your remarks, therefore, you could tie together from these descriptions the following phrases: "firstborn of the dead," "the Almighty," and "the living One," "died and alive forever more." Besides the message that God is eternal, John is sending them the message that *God is powerful!*

John was sending to his readers not just an abstract theory but the living truth. And this message was the appropriate message to his readers. He could not assure them that the persecution would end soon, nor could he assure them that they would escape, nor could he even assure them that their lives or deaths would produce any obvious results. But he could remind them that God is permanent, and that he has the power necessary to accomplish his purposes.

VI. Closing Moments of Dedication

Have your class stand and sing "The Doxology."

SESSION TWELVE

Reactions to Persecution

Revelation 2—3

Purpose

1. To help young people find, from a study of the letters to the seven churches, what the varied reactions to persecution are.
2. To help them find, in these letters to the churches, an accurate description of present day Christianity, appropriate warnings, and sound counsel.

Preparation

1. Reread the purpose of this lesson, make it specific for your group, and use it as your guide in planning the session with your class.
2. Study the materials for this lesson in your Bible, in *Senior Bible Studies*, and in this guide.
3. To increase your understanding of these two chapters from Revelation, study them carefully with the help of James E. Bear's study guide on "The Revelation" in *Understanding the Books of the New Testament* and Donald W. Richardson's *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. (Donald W. Richardson, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, John Knox Press, 1939)
4. Have pencils and paper ready for the members of your class to use during the session.
5. Have copies of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," ready for use during the closing moments of dedication.

Assignment for March 31

1. Insist that the whole class study carefully for next week's class session, using *Senior Bible Studies*. Ask each pupil to look back over this unit of study and be prepared to tell what are the most striking characteristics of the New Testament Church.
2. Ask two of your pupils to prepare reports on the articles, "Success Story" and "The Power of the Holy Spirit," from *Senior Bible Studies*. Ask each reporter *not* to summarize his whole article but to explain three

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ideas that come from that article. You may ask them to look for *new* ideas, for ideas that summarize the whole unit of study, or for ideas that the Church ought to grasp.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Directed Study: Revelation 2—3
 - A. Individual Research
 - B. Class Discussion
- III. Summary—Application
- IV. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

(In this introduction, you want your class to see that this unit is building up to a climax and that the climax takes the form of continued faithfulness in times of deep distress.)

Last week, we took a brief look at the way the Church—following in the footsteps of her Lord—has always been misunderstood and attacked by the world. This misunderstanding has taken various forms. In some cases the world has killed Christians, in other cases imprisoned them, and in others tried to ignore them. None of these has crushed the Church or her message. In fact, the Church has grown numerically and spiritually under such circumstances.

Last week's lesson showed us that the Church's message to her persecuted members is the same as her message to the world—that God is in control and that he is capable of accomplishing his purposes. This lesson, based on Revelation 2 and 3, will show us how this message was spelled out in detail to congregations under pressure.

II. Directed Study: Revelation 2—3

We shall see, in the course of this lesson, that Christians reacted in various ways to the pressure of persecution. And we want to keep in mind that these letters to the seven churches embody the Church's message to people under persecution and her message to her members at all times.

The *Senior Bible Studies* calls for your pupils to study these letters by using the two-page chart as a means of analyzing the messages to the churches. During this period of direct study, the class will repeat this

approach, but their outside preparation will strengthen the class discussion. Do not fear repetition. You see in "The Lesson Outline" that the "Directed Study" consists of individual research and class discussion of each letter. Give to each member of your class a number: one, two, or three. Ask each person whose number is "one" to list on paper Christ's description (good and bad) of the church to which the letter is addressed. Ask the "two's" to list the elements of the message to that particular church, the advice that is given; and ask the "three's" to state what the future prospects (good and bad) for the church are. After the study of each letter with the use of pencil and paper, ask for reports from their study; these reports will make up the "class discussion" mentioned in "The Lesson Outline." The "Summary—Application" will give you a chance to draw together all these various messages and apply them to the Church today and to your particular group. You may not have time to study all seven letters. Save time to summarize and apply their messages.

1. The Letter to the Church in Ephesus, Revelation 2:1-7

A. Individual Research (about five minutes)

B. Class Discussion, in which the students report these discoveries from their study:

The Situation in the Church—Good: Their works—toil and patient endurance, testing false apostles (verse 2); unwearying steadfast faith (verse 3); hatred for the works of the Nicolaitans (verse 6). The Nicolaitans were a group in the Early Church who taught that Christians are free to follow heathen customs of immorality and to eat meat offered to idols. *Bad:* They abandoned their first love, and the products of their young faith, the works it produced (verses 4-5).

*The Message to the Church—*Repent and do the works done formerly (verse 5).

*Future Prospects—*Their lampstand will be removed (that is, the Church will be destroyed: verse 5), but those who persevere will receive eternal life (verse 7, "eat of the tree of life . . .").

2. The Letter to the Church in Smyrna, Revelation 2:8-11

A. Individual Research

B. Class Discussion

The Situation in the Church—Good: They have endured tribulation, poverty, and slander (verse 9).

*The Message to the Church—*Do not fear what you are about to suffer (verse 10); be faithful unto death (verse 10).

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Future Prospects—I will give the crown of life to those who are faithful (verse 10); he who conquers shall not be hurt by the second death (verse 11). Both of these promises are figurative ways of assuring eternal life.

3. The Letter to the Church in Pergamum, Revelation 2:12-17

- A. Individual Research
- B. Class Discussion

The Situation in the Church—Good: They have been faithful in a location where the forces of evil are strong (verse 13). *Bad:* Some hold the teaching of Balaam. (In Old Testament times, the people of Israel were tempted to undermine their faith in God by worshipping Balaam. This reference in Revelation is a secret message warning against eating food offered to idols and against practicing immorality. This was typical behavior for unchristian people. Verse 14.) Some follow the Nicolaitans (verse 15).

The Message to the Church—Repent (verse 16).

Future Prospects—Good: He who conquers will receive some of the hidden manna. (Verse 17. This is another way of saying that the person who conquers will be provided God's resources; that is, have eternal life.) He will also receive a white stone with a new name on it. (Verse 17. This is a figure representing the permanence of the new life.) *Bad:* If they do not repent, Christ will war against them with the sword of his mouth. (Verse 16. The sword represents the Word of God, which is used to measure the Church.)

4. The Letter to the Church in Thyatira, Revelation 2:18-29

- A. Individual Research
- B. Class Discussion

The Situation in the Church—Good: Their works, love, faith, service, and patient endurance; their recent works exceed the first. (In other words, they are growing; verse 19.) *Bad:* They tolerate persons who spread false teaching, immoral behavior, and the eating of food offered to idols (verse 20).

The Message to the Church—Punishment lies ahead for those who have gone astray (verses 22-23). To others, the message is "hold fast what you have, until I come" (verse 25).

Future Prospects—Good: "He who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, I will give him power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron . . . and I will give him the morning star." (Verses

26-28. In other words, Christ is promising that those who are faithful will share his power and will receive his eternal life.) *Bad:* The wicked will be punished (verses 22-23).

5. The Letter to the Church in Sardis, Revelation 3:1-6

- A. Individual Research
- B. Class Discussion

The Situation in the Church—Good: There are a few people who have not been contaminated (verse 4). *Bad:* They have a good reputation, but they have produced no products to confirm this reputation. They are a dead church (verses 1-2).

The messages to the Church—"Awake, and strengthen what remains . . ." (verse 2). "Remember what you received and heard; keep that, and repent" (verse 3).

Future Prospects—Good: To those who have been faithful, Christ will be faithful and he will reward them with eternal life (verse 5). *Bad:* If they do not respond to his message by obeying his commandment, he will surprise them in their wickedness (verse 3).

6. The Letter to the Church in Philadelphia, Revelation 3:7-13

- A. Individual Research
- B. Class Discussion

The Situation in the Church—Good: They have little power, but they have kept his word and have not denied his name (verse 8). They have kept his word of patient endurance (verse 10).

The Message to the Church—"I will keep you from the hour of trial . . ." (verse 10). "I am coming soon; hold fast what you have . . ." (verse 11).

Future Prospects—Good: The ones who conquer will be pillars in the temple of God . . . (verse 12). All these figures refer to the promise of eternal life with God. False teachers who have tried to mislead them will be shown that the Church has been right and that God loves his Church (verse 9).

7. The Letter to the Church in Laodicea, Revelation 3:14-22

- A. Individual Research
- B. Class Discussion

The Situation in the Church—Bad: They are lukewarm; and they claim to be self-sufficient and rich in material things (verses 15-17).

The Message to the Church—Secure from Christ the real riches (verse 18). Be zealous and repent (verse 19).

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Future Prospects—"I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (verse 20). Those who conquer will receive the power of Christ and life with Christ (verse 21).

III. Summary and Application

There are themes that run through all seven of these letters to the churches. We shall look now at some of these major themes and find in them the powerful message of the Apostle John and of God to the Church under persecution and to us in the Church today.

1. The Various churches to which the letters are addressed reacted in various ways to the pressure of persecution. As we have seen, some of them were strengthened in their faith; some compromised with the world and adopted the standards of the world; some tolerated false teaching and immorality among their members; some were completely lifeless; and some were indifferent. To a greater or a less extent each of these descriptions is true of every church today. In which of these categories do we fit?

2. Christ sees and judges the errors and virtues of his Church. "Nothing escapes his eyes of flaming fire. His words of sword-like judgment are pronounced on the church's lack of love, her indifference to false teachings from her pulpits, the godless lives of some of her members, her neutrality and indifference to doctrine and to the great issues of the day. He sees with a penetrating insight and pronounces judgment upon all."* What are some of the failures and virtues he sees in our church and particularly in our youth fellowship?

3. The person who hears the message of God is responsible for his reaction to that message: "He who has an ear, let him hear. . . ." Do we come and listen and then go away without any changes being made? Do we come expecting to be changed by hearing the Word of God?

4. Patient endurance, repeatedly commended in these letters, is a virtue, whether the Christian faces persecution or daily routine. Do we get tired of preparing programs? Attending Youth Fellowship meetings and worship services? Studying for Sunday school class? Do these give us a chance to demonstrate the virtue of patient endurance? Is this one way that our faith is being put to the test?

* Donald W. Richardson, op. cit.

5. The promise which Christ consistently makes to the faithful is the promise of eternal life. God is eternal and he promises to share his life with those who are steadfast in the faith. All of the promises expressed in this section are variations on this basic theme, and no other promise is possible or necessary. The Christian could want nothing more.

IV. Closing Moments of Dedication

As the conclusion of this class session, have your pupils read together or sing the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," No. 348 in *The Hymnbook*.

SESSION THIRTEEN

Today's Church on a Quest for Power

John 14:12-17; Acts 1:8; 9:1-22

Purpose

1. To help your class discover where the Early Church obtained her power, how she received that power, and how she used that power.
2. To raise questions in the minds of your pupils, questions that will motivate them to venture forth into the life of the Church and in that life find the answers to their own questions and to the needs of the world.

Preparation

1. Study the purpose for this class session and use it as the guide as you prepare for this lesson.
2. Use your Bible, *Senior Bible Studies*, and this guide as study materials to prepare for your class session.
3. Refer again to the purpose for this unit of study, measure the success of your efforts, and summarize in your own mind what you and your group have learned during this quarter's study.
4. Have pencils and paper available for members of your class to use during the closing moments of dedication.
5. Check with the two persons assigned to report on the articles, "Success Story" and "The Power of the Holy Spirit," in *Senior Bible Studies*.

Assignment for April 7

1. Ask your pupils to look again at the questionnaire, "What Do You THINK?" in *Senior Bible Studies*, to see if they would answer just as they did when they considered the questionnaire at the beginning of this unit.
2. Study through the materials in *Senior Bible Studies* and in the *Senior Teacher's Guide* for next quarter, and have in mind what you want the class to get from these next weeks of study. Then you can explain to your pupils what to expect of the coming unit.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Lesson Outline

- I. The Teacher's Introduction
- II. Directed Study: John 14:12-17.
- III. High Lights from This Unit of Study
 - A. Reports on "The Power of the Holy Spirit" and "Success Story"
 - B. The Teacher's Supplementary Remarks
 - C. Striking Characteristics of the Early Church
 - D. The Teacher's Supplementary Remarks
- IV. An Honest Look Around—At the World, the Church, and Ourselves
- V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Class Procedure

I. The Teacher's Introduction

One of the worst questions to leave unanswered is "So what?" Our lesson today is designed to help us find some answers to that question in the light of our study these three months. First, we shall look at Jesus' prediction to the disciples as he was preparing them for the times about which we have been studying. Then we shall rehearse some of the things we have discovered about the New Testament Church. And, finally, we shall take a look at the world in which the Church today is working, a look at the Church herself today, and a look at ourselves as members of that Church.

II. Directed Study: John 14:12-17

Ask your pupils to work in pairs to study this paragraph which contains Jesus' promise to his disciples. Ask each pair of pupils to put the meaning of this paragraph into two sentences. By discussion, after about five minutes of study, see that the group gets these elements from the passage: The believers will carry on the work of Christ, but Christ will be working in them to glorify God by doing greater works than he has done before. The believers will know the Counselor whom Christ will send, and they will have his guidance as they carry on the work of Christ.

III. High Lights from this Unit of Study

A. Reports: "The Power of the Holy Spirit" and "Success Story"

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B. The Teacher's Supplementary Remarks.

These reports will cover a number of these points taken from the two articles. But you will want your class to have in mind these facts as they come to the conclusion of the unit of study:

"The Power of the Holy Spirit." The power of the Holy Spirit is released through the prayers of believers. This power is given as a means of carrying on the work of Christ. This power produces varied effects, according to the needs of the Church and according to the needs of those to whom the Church ministers. The Spirit's power is the source of the Church's life. The Spirit's work is to change people. He provides the Church with her message and the hearers with the ability to believe. In moments of distress, the Spirit provides believers with the strength they need. He equips men to serve as leaders in the Church. He guides the growth of the Church. The Spirit is a Person, his power is the power of God.

"Success Story." The New Testament Church was used by the power of God. This power produced varied effects—teaching, preaching, healing, fellowship. The people who received the Spirit *wanted* to be used by him. Faith is this desire to be used by God. Ordinary people as well as outstanding leaders are used by the Spirit. The Spirit continued to change people who were members of the Church. The New Testament Church was marked by an openness to God; they were people of prayer, and they were sensitive to his guidance. The Spirit created a fellowship in which all members were responsible for all their brethren. The Church included all types of people in her fellowship.

C. Striking Characteristics of the Early Church.

D. The Teacher's Supplementary Remarks.

(After calling for statements from your pupils in response to the assignment for this lesson, remind the group of these facts from their study:)

Jesus prepared his disciples to carry on his work after his departure. They were a fellowship in prayer, desiring to be used. The Spirit provided them with the message for the world and guided them to express this message by their total life. The Church found it necessary to organize in order to carry out its various activities, and, under the Spirit's guidance, the organization became a permanent characteristic of the Church. When necessity forced Christians to scatter, the Spirit led them to carry the Gospel wherever they went. He helped them to continue

their growth. Every Christian was a missionary. God called specific men and the Church commissioned them to carry the Gospel to the Gentile world. Even in New Testament times, the Church faced difficulties and was blessed with leaders who helped the Church correct her mistakes and who helped her relate the Gospel to every aspect of life. Worship was the lifeblood of the Church. Persecution came as a result of Christians' faithfulness to their Gospel. Even under persecution the true Church prospered. The death as well as the life of the Christian is a witness to the truth. The life of the Church displays a superhuman power operating in her.

IV. An Honest Look Around—at the World, the Church, and Ourselves

The New Testament Church was given a tremendous job to do. She was ordained to witness to a world in tumult. But she did not let the state of the world or the enormity of the task discourage her from her positive work. She was called to witness. The world was divided. As "Success Story" shows, the Jew was separated from the Gentile, the Greek from the "barbarian," the slave from the free, the rich from the poor. The task of changing the world was well nigh impossible. But the Church did make changes in the world. Her missionaries went about establishing colonies of heaven in which Jew was no longer separated from Gentile, Greek from barbarian, for all had become brethren in Christ. The most afflicted people could hope for was pity. To them the Church came with a new *power*. When called to change the world, was it important for Peter and John to heal a crippled beggar at the gate of the temple? It was, because they had been called to change the world by using the power given to them.

In the shadow of a mighty empire and in the presence of a world full of problems, these little activities could have been written off as nothing more than unusual. But there was behind these activities a *power* that was much more than unusual. It was divine. These men were doing the impossible—uniting in fellowship those who had nothing in common, healing those who had no hope for health.

Besides the power displayed by the New Testament Church, they were outstanding because they did the task at hand as if it were the most *important* task in the world. These new colonies of heaven were important because they were the means God was using to declare his desires for the whole world. They were important because they brought new life to their members. They were important because God had called men to establish these colonies. And they were important because they attracted the attention of those who wished not to notice. The crippled

man at the gate of the temple was important because God loved him. He was important because Peter and John had the ability to heal him.

There was about this New Testament Church a holy *dissatisfaction* with the world as it was and with the task which the Church had done. When the cripple had been healed, there remained the task of telling the onlookers why and how he had been healed. When Paul and Barnabas returned from one missionary expedition, they started on another, for the whole world had not yet heard the Gospel.

The New Testament Church astonishes us because of the depth of her faith. For these early Christians, faith was a virtue to be practiced. It was the desire of these people to be used powerfully by their God for his purposes. They were eagerly sensitive to his guidance, and they were willing to follow wherever he led, to do whatever he ordered. They stayed in touch with him through their corporate worship and through their private prayers.

The twentieth century Church is engaged in a number of activities that require God's *power* for their execution. This power comes to life when a man gives up his job in the United States to teach poor farmers in India that they can save their rice crops by tying up the tender plants, so that they will not be washed away during the rainy season. This power of God places the desire in his heart, gives him the backing of the Church in his venture, and provides him with the training to carry the project through.

This power takes on life when a young person reads that Church World Service needs clothing for refugees. The power of God enables him to share this concern with his youth fellowship. Then God's power operates through that youth fellowship as they conduct a campaign to collect clothing for use overseas. The same power prompts people to make contributions to the clothing campaign and creates channels such as Church World Service through which these commodities can move to the needy.

In the shadow of a world threatened by atomic destruction, these actions seem insignificant. But they are the creation of God, and they are some of God's way of working in the world to display his power.

The Church and her members still face a number of tasks that are as *important* to God as the healing of the cripple at the gate of the temple. And, because they are important to God, these tasks are important to the people who find them to do. In the doing of these tasks God displays himself to the world. God has called us to study. By his power he has created schools, trained teachers, and given students the chance to learn. These are important to the Christian, because God has given them to him and because God can express himself through intelligent, trained citizens.

We have been thinking that we do extremely well when it comes to practicing the Christian faith. But we must learn from the New Testament Church never to be satisfied with our present grasp of that faith or with our expression of that faith in our living. One reason we do not know the power of God operating in our time is that we have been satisfied with an incomplete job. We do not even see that there are jobs to be done. We have not wanted the Holy Spirit's guidance when we have been content to do the same old things in the same old ways. He comes on the scene when improvements are in the making, when growth is occurring. *Dissatisfaction* is a Christian virtue.

The New Testament Church was marked by a deep desire to be *in touch with God*. This desire expressed itself in prayer and worship. The Church today offers her services of worship, youth fellowship meetings, Sunday school classes, as a means of helping people stay in touch with him, a means through which God leads his people to new ventures of faith. These early Christians were not only active, they were also prayerful and sensitive to God's call.

V. Closing Moments of Dedication

Ask your pupils to spend the closing moments of this session in silent meditation and prayer, making resolutions about their willingness to be used by the Spirit in the work of the Church. You could give each pupil a sheet of paper and a pencil, asking him to write out his own resolutions and to keep the copy of these resolutions. To guide them in making these commitments, you could write the four words on the chalkboard, "Power," "Importance," "Dissatisfaction," and "Faith."

New Year—New Theme

"Who Is My Brother?"

Throughout the Presbyterian Church, U. S., this year, the churches will be made aware of a many-sided annual emphasis, that of Christian Citizenship. The Senior High Section of the Assembly's Youth Council, representing senior high youth throughout the Church, has chosen a particular area of emphasis within the wider emphasis of the whole denomination. After prayerful consideration they came to the conclusion that the greatest need lay in the area of race relations; and they chose as their theme, related to the wider area of Christian Citizenship, the question, "Who is my brother?"

This theme is not one to be disposed of by an evening program or an address at spring rally. The problem dogs us like a shadow, and it will never be settled until we honestly and humbly seek a Christian solution.

As young people face up to the various issues of race relations this year, they will need the wise, patient Christian counsel of adults. Sometimes adults are over-protective of youth when they venture out into rough waters; sometimes adults forget that

"New occasions teach new duties, Time makes
ancient good uncouth;"

they want to tie one generation to attitudes and actions which were more appropriate to an earlier day. Though we must be realistic in looking at the situation where we are, we cannot depend on either tradition or expediency to determine our approach. We must help young people and adults to work together on Christian approaches to the problems of race relations we find in our own communities. Some helpful materials will be available during the year, for the home mission theme for interdenominational study is to be "Christ, the Church and Race." Other resources will be made available by agencies of our own denomination, particularly the Division of Christian Relations of the Board of Church Extension. These resources will be secondary, however. The primary responsibility for youth and adults together is to seek for the mind of Christ in the place where we are, endeavoring to discover how to live with those whom Christ calls "my brethren."

What Is Southeast Asia?

To our grandparents, it was the scene of Captain Cook's adventures, and the region of missionary heroes like Judson and Paton. . . .

To you, it may be the area of jungle fighting, of battles by land, sea and air. . . .

To Senior Highs, it may be just a region of travel posters and exotic tales. . . .

To the Christian Church. . . ?

This year, when Protestant denominations are studying the Church in Southeast Asia, we have interesting reading to offer to Senior Highs. *Give and Take*, by Herman Ahrens, is a story based on fact. It tells of a work camp in Malaya, seen through the eyes of an American boy. We meet other young people from various parts of Southeast Asia, and through an experience of "give and take," we come to share the point of view of each. It is readable, interesting, and inspiring. (Cloth \$2.50, paper \$1.25)

Youth Guide on Southeast Asia, by Fred Cloud (50¢), provides useful program material on the theme.



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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 1958

Bank Balance 3-31-58: (\$ 425.40)
Receipts for April:
Pledges \$10,422.32
Loose Offering . 781.76
Misc. Income . . 39.60
Total \$11,243.68
April Disb. . . . \$11,295.63
Total (\$ 477.35)
Monthly Adj. to:
Blue Cross Prem. (\$ 17.32)

Bank Balance 4-30-58 (\$ 494.67)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR, 1958

Bank Balance 1-1-58: \$2,756.75
Receipts for Year:
Pledges \$36,480.76
Loose Offering . 2,432.94
Misc. Inc. . . . 601.97
Total \$42,272.42
Year's Disb. . . . 42,556.53
Total (\$ 284.11)
Deduct:
Blue Cross Prem. (\$ 41.32)
Loose Offering Deacons' Fund (\$ 169.24)
Bank Balance 4-30-58 . . . (\$ 494.67)

	Budget	Disbursed for April	Disbursed for Year	(Over) Under Budget
1. Benevolences				
a. Regular	\$37,000.00	\$3,083.37	\$12,333.48	\$24,666.52
b. Opportunity	3,000.00	79.37	79.37	2,920.63
c. Mid. Council Churches	1,024.00	-0-	492.41	531.59
d. Emergency Askings	300.00	-0-	25.00	275.00
2. Salaries	48,290.00	3,868.90	16,195.74	32,094.26
3. Social Security	586.95	-0-	-0-	586.95
4. Annuity Premiums	4,721.70	1,139.40	2,318.80	2,402.90
4a. Group Insurance	663.46	-0-	-0-	663.46
5. Office Expenses	5,385.00	361.20	1,352.34	4,032.66
6. Religious Education	11,450.00	391.60	2,756.69	8,693.31
7. Fellowship	2,300.00	172.25	753.83	1,546.17
8. Utilities	4,500.00	348.61	1,477.93	3,022.07
9. Radio & Adv.	2,000.00	241.30	795.36	1,204.64
10. Passion Wk. Services	1,200.00	902.22	920.32	279.68
11. Music	500.00	17.21	160.46	339.54
12. Ins. Prem.	1,800.00	-0-	38.99	1,761.01
13. Church Maintenance	2,400.00	182.45	638.21	1,761.79
14. Manse Maintenance	1,500.00	28.75	399.70	1,100.30
15. Repr. to Ch. Cts.	350.00	-0-	27.35	322.65
16. Transp. Allowances	3,300.00	275.00	1,100.00	2,200.00
17. Incidentals	500.00	4.00	33.60	466.40
18. Church & S.S. Equip.	2,000.00	200.00	656.95	1,343.05
	<u>\$134,771.11</u>	<u>\$11,295.63</u>	<u>\$42,556.53</u>	<u>\$92,214.58</u>

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MIDLAND, TEXAS
UNDESIGNATED FUND

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 1958

Bank Balance 3-31-58	\$7,167.26
Receipts for April:	
1957 Pledges	\$265.30 265.30
Total	<u>\$7,432.56</u>
Disbursements for April	-0-
Bank Balance 4-30-58	<u>\$7,432.56</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR, 1958

Bank Balance 1-1-58	\$5,272.80
Receipts for Year:	
1957 Pledges	\$2,159.76 2,159.76
Total	<u>\$7,432.56</u>
Disbursements for Year	-0-
Bank Balance 4-30-58	<u>\$7,432.56</u>

RECAPITULATION OF BANK BALANCE

Allocation to:

General Operational Fund	(\$ 494.67)
Undesignated Fund	7,432.56
Designated Fund	5,770.00 (S.S.Convention)
Actual Cash in Bank as of 4-30-58	<u>\$12,707.89</u>

T.F.C. Contributions	\$475.00
T.F.C. Paid	\$475.00

BUILDING FUND

Money on hand 3-31-58	\$204,825.83
Receipts for April	5,304.31
	<u>\$210,130.14</u>
Disbursements for April	<u>-0-</u>
Money on hand 4-30-58	\$210,130.14

JANUARY

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MINUTES

of the

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

of the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

in the

United States

Minutes of the Presbytery of El Paso;

One Called Meeting

Minutes of Three Commissions

Minutes of the Conventions

January 15, 1957

September 11, 1957

First Stated Meeting

Presbytery of the Southwest

January 21, 1958

Next Stated Meeting

June 3, 1958, 7:30 P. M.

St. Paul, Odessa, Texas

ROSTER OF CHURCHES

Listed in Order—Minister—Clerk—Treasurer

AMARILLO, SOUTHERN: Clarence E. Dodge, 1400 Wolflin Ave.; Ph. DR 6-8282, Res. Ph. DR 6-7012; William H. Neubauer, 3415 W. 10th St.; C. C. Price, 2029 Parker.

ANDREWS, ANDREWS: Frank L. Crown, 300 N. W. 8th, Ph. LA 3-2689; Eugene Demmles, 800 N. W. 12th St.; Barney Hightower, 804 N. E. 7th St.

BALLINGER, FIRST: Felix W. Keys, Jr., 700 7th St., Ph. 4802, Res. Ph. 2-1800; J. M. Pyburn, Box 654; Lloyd L. Downing, 201 9th St.

BARSTOW, FIRST: J. J. Wester, Stated Supply; W. D. Black, 1702 Washington, Pecos, Texas; J. E. Echols, Barstow.

BIG SPRING, FIRST: R. Gage Lloyd, Box 366, Ph. AM 4-2501, Res. Ph. AM 4-8372; Ben Hawkins, 1205 East 17th St.; H. C. Stipp, 819 West 18th St.

BIG SPRING, ST. PAUL: Jack W. Ware, Box 647, Ph. AM 4-5632, Res. Ph. AM 4-7902; E. R. Peter, 1000 East 15th St.; W. E. Gibson, Jr., Box 647.

CLOVIS, N. M., FIRST: Exell Coon, Ph. PO 3-6821, Res. Ph. PO 3-5494; Leslie Pattison; W. C. Wilkinson; All 1101 Pile St.

COAHOMA, FIRST: C. P. Owen, Ph. LY 4-3544; Leroy Echols; C. D. Read.

COLORADO CITY, FIRST: Earl M. Clary, Box 968, Ph. RA 8-4235, Res. Ph. RA 8-4058; Jerold Riordan, 525 Hickory; Julius O. Smith, 791 East 6th St.

CRANE, FIRST: J. G. M. Ramsey, Stated Supply, Box 665, Ph. 2261; H. O. True, Box 6666; Tom C. Hogan, Jr., 109 South Vivian.

ELDORADO, FIRST: James L. Spencer, Box 635, Ph. 2-1251; James A. Page, Box 606; Eldon T. Calk, Box 507.

EL PASO, FAITH: Lin D. Crossman, Jr., 661 Lomaland, El Paso, Ph. UL 9-6637, Res. Ph. UL 9-8559; R. T. Clark, 7534 Hacienda; Oscar Grebe, 153 North Zaragosa, Ysleta, Texas.

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EL PASO, UNIVERSITY: Collis S. McKinney, 500 Gregory Way, Ph. KE 3-5827, Res. Ph. KE 3-7891; William Taylor, Sr., 4321 Larchmont; L. L. Porterfield, 3721 Waymore.

FORT STOCKTON, FIRST: Thomas Brewster, Box 125, Ph. ED 6-2416, Res. Ph. ED 6-2465; M. E. Fincher, Box 633; J. G. Welker, 210 North Main.

HAPPY, FIRST: Vacant; W. F. Miller; Herbert Wilkes.

LEVELLAND, FIRST: Fred O. Brewton, Jr., 603 17th St., Ph. 4-3022, Res. Ph. 4-4191; Newell Wright, Sr., 1309 8th St.; J. R. Mabe, 1205 9th St.

LOVINGTON, N. M., FIRST: Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Box 1011, Ph. 6-6571; Carl Carlton, 1102 W. Madison; Paul B. Moore, Box 893.

LUBBOCK, FIRST: Tom B. Anderson, 1500 14th St., Ph. PO 3-0401, Res. Ph. SW 9-0228; Donald M. Megahan, Associate Pastor, Res. Ph. SW 9-6700; H. F. Yant, 4004 31st St.; Mrs. Emmett Hazelwood, 1500 14th St.

LUBBOCK, GRACE: Troy Jarvis, 2705 Auburn, Ph. PO 3-1873, Res. Ph. PO 5-9031; M. H. Hobbs, 3008 First St.; Francis Smith, 2101 7th St.

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LUBBOCK, WESTMINSTER: David L. Zacharias, 3321 33rd St., Ph. SW 9-3621, Res. Ph. SW 9-0843; E. W. Hester, 2412 32nd St.; Travis F. Jones, 3411 44th St.

MIDLAND, FIRST: R. Matthew Lynn, Ph. MU 2-2586, Res. Ph. MU 2-2613; T. Henry Stafford, Assistant Pastor, (In Scotland); S. Evans Brown, Stated Supply, Res. Ph. MU 2-1453; Philip L. Brandon; Frank Paup, II; All 804 West Texas Ave.

MIDLAND, ST. ANDREWS: Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Terrell and Jax Streets, Ph. MU 2-2351, Res. Ph. MU 3-3555; James A. Warren, 216 Ridglea; Ernest Barber, c/o Church.

MIDLAND, WESTMINSTER: Vacant, 2600 West Louisiana; Ph. MU 2-2514, Res. Ph. MU 4-8521; John T. Ferguson, 2107 Butternut; Lewis B. Burleson, 3205 Sentinel.

ODESSA, FIRST: Joe M. Brown, 1401 North Sam Houston, Ph. FE 7-3526, Res. Ph. FE 2-1043; J. Arthur Strickland, Assistant Pastor, Res. Ph. FE 7-4044; Emil F. Beck, 922 East 8th St.; James H. Mee, 1401 N. Sam Houston.

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ODESSA, ST. PAUL: E. O. Harrell, 1225 Laurel; G. B. Chenoweth, 1414 Rosewood Ave.; J. J. Barnett, 1510 E. 21st St.

PAINT ROCK, FIRST: Felix W. Keys, Jr., Stated Supply, 700 7th St., Ballinger, J. P. Roach, Clerk and Treasurer.

PECOS, FIRST: Ben E. Gillespie, Box 926, Ph. 5-3693, Res. Ph. 5-3694; R. L. Faltinson, 812 W. 4th St.; R. D. Dierdorff, 1506 Cowan Ave.

PORTALES, N. M., FIRST: Homer C. Akers, West First and Ave. F, Ph. RE 6-5533; H. T. Decker, 1020 West 3rd St.; A. E. Mallory, 112 South Ave. B.

RUIDOSO, N. M., FIRST: Paul S. Van Dyke, P. E., Ph. 3551, W. S. Campbell, Box 87, Green Tree, N. M.; H. Z. Collier, Ruidoso.

SAN ANGELO, FIRST: Harold G. Odum, College at Irving, Ph. 9339, Res. Ph. 2-5009; William H. Dixon, 1205 South Jackson; Bill Carpenter, 1501 South Harrison.

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SANATORIUM, CARLSBAD: Lewis G. Petmecky, Stated Supply, Box 634, Sterling City; W. Maxwell Turner, Box 337, Sanatorium, Clerk and Treasurer.

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SPUR, FIRST: Vacant; F. W. Jennings; Randolph C. McNeill.

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TAHOKA, FIRST: Vacant; Harry L. Roddy, Box 246; Miss Ethel Callahan, Rt. 5.

VAN HORN, FIRST: W. B. Holmes, Jr., Ph. 234-J; Norman Breed, Burton Meeker.

LUBBOCK: Minister to Students, David M. H. Richmond, 2610 33rd St., Ph. PO 3-4392, Res. Ph. SH 4-5304.

LUBBOCK: Executive Secretary of Presbytery, L. E. Milling, 1500 14th St., Ph. PO 3-0401.

ODESSA: Presbytery's Minister of Christian Education, J. F. Austin, 1401 North Sam Houston, Ph. FE 7-3526, Res. Ph. FE 7-7112.

LUBBOCK, NEW WORK (PROPOSED NAME, ST. MARK): Richard H. Schmidt, 4510 48th St. Ph. SW 9-6122.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST 5

OTHER MINISTERS

Chas. B. Brinkley, 320 S. Popular, Kermit; S. E. Crosby, H. R., 5141 Memory Lane, El Paso; Abraham Fernandez, H. R., 3217 Tula Rosa, El Paso; E. B. Fincher, H. R., 2011 Washington, Amarillo; Emmett Galloway, H. R., Box 227, Van Horn; Gaines B. Hall, H. R., 1410 North Washington, Odessa; W. K. Johnston, H. R., 1500 14th St., Lubbock; R. P. Kelley, H. R., Box 1095, Seminole; J. M. Lewis, H. R., 2310 29th St., Lubbock; Thomas D. Murphy, H. R., 922 Wink, Odessa; Chaplain Walton G. Sugg, Jr., Pirmasens Det., WASC 7812, APO 189, N. Y., N. Y.; T. C. Vinson, H. R., Wenonah, N. J.; Norman D. Dow, Librarian, 100 West 27th St., Austin; Claude D. Peake, H. R., Route 1, Clyde.

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 Earl M. Clary, Box 968, Colorado City, Texas.....Stated Clerk

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L. E. Milling, 1500 14th St.....Lubbock, Texas

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J. F. Austin, 1401 North Sam Houston.....Odessa, Texas

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 Lubbock, Texas.....Church Extension Committee

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 Odessa, Texas.....Christian Education Committee

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 Lubbock, Texas.....Presbytery's Council

E. A. Dean, Box 4275,
 Austin 51, Texas.....Central Treasurer of Benevolences (1960)

TRUSTEES

Stated Clerk, Earl M. Clary, 1958, H. E. McRae, 1959
 George Dupree, 1960

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Council: R. Gage Lloyd, 1958, Chairman; Dick Yates, St. Andrews, Midland, 1958; W. M. Osburn, First, Midland, 1958; B. O. Wood, 1958; Joe M. Brown, 1959; R. C. Douglas, First Lubbock, 1959; C. P. Owen, 1959; Edwin M. Jackson, First, Eldorado 1959; Robert Spencer, First, Clovis, 1960; Shelby Read, First, Big Spring, 1960; Ben E. Gillespie, 1960; Collis S. McKinney, 1960.

Church Extension: David L. Zacharias, Chairman, 1959; Lin D. Crossman, Jr., 1958; R. M. Lynn, 1958; Hyle C. Doss, First, Seminole, 1958; Bob Barker, Westminster, Midland, 1958; John H. Justus, 1959; Estes M. Lynn, First, Ballinger, 1959; James Wright, First, Odessa, 1959; Homer C. Akers, 1960; Bob Blon, Westminster, Lubbock, 1960; Clarence E. Dodge, 1960; John Ballard, St. Andrew, San Angelo, 1960.

Christian Education: Exell Coon, Chairman, 1960; Mrs. Olen Puckett, First, Big Spring, 1958; J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., 1958; Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., 1958; E. O. Harrell, 1958; Mrs. Ben T. Horton, San Angelo, 1959; Frank Crown, 1959; Troy Jarvis, 1959; J. Allan Guthrie, 1959; James Page, First, Eldorado, 1960; Mrs. M. J. Crozier, Westminster, Lubbock, 1960; Richard H. Schmidt, 1960.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES

Examinations: Tom B. Anderson, Chairman, 1960; J. G. M. Ramsey, 1958; David M. H. Richmond, 1958; W. B. Holmes, Jr., 1959; Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., 1959; Albert S. Tippit, 1960.

Assembly's Causes: Donald C. Whiteside, Chairman, 1958; George A. Stalworth, First Levelland, 1959; Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., 1960. (Ex-officio, Women of Presbytery's Chairman:.....)

Printed Minutes: James L. Spencer, Chairman, 1960; Lewis G. Petmecky, 1959; D. Burke Kerr, 1958.

Nominations: J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Chairman, 1958; John Drummond, First, Midland, 1958; R. Matthew Lynn, 1959; Lloyd W. Morgan, Andrews, Andrews, 1959; B. O. Wood, 1960; Melvin Moore, Southern, Amarillo, 1960.

Commission on the Minister and His Work: Felix W. Keys, Jr., Convenor, 1960; Thomas Brewster, 1958; Tom B. Anderson, 1958; Larry Doyle, Westminster, Lubbock, 1958; W. T. Curry, First, Seminole, 1959; Charles Black, Faith, El Paso, 1959; Jack W. Ware, 1959; Jerry Covington, St. Andrews, Midland, 1960; Harold G. Odum, 1960. L. E. Milling, Executive Secretary of Presbytery, Advisory.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1958

Ministers:

Place 1, Donald C. Whiteside; Alternate, Lin D. Crossman, Jr.
Place 2, Earl M. Clary; Alternate, Frank Crown
Place 3, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr.; Alternate, Exell Coon
Place 4, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr.; Alternate, James L. Spencer

Ruling Elders:

Place 1, H. E. McRae, First, Midland; Alternate, H. Z. Collier, First, Ruidoso, N. M.
Place 2, G. H. Sanders, Grace, Lubbock; Alternate, Charles Black, Faith, El Paso.
Place 3, L. E. Nilsson, First, San Angelo; Alternate, Albert Sybesma, Andrews, Andrews.
Place 4, G. K. Mitchell, First, Sanderson; Alternate, Herbert Whitney, First, Big Spring.

CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Fred H. Babb, Walter A. Beuhrel, Kenneth G. Brown, John H. Carlberg, Harold Layton Clark, Eugene B. Doughtie, Jr., Henry Freund, Jack Gibbs, Chas. R. Galbraith, Grantland Groves, Joseph M. Hawes, George C. Herrscher, Malcolm P. Haynes, David Lavery, Edward Kimball Milling, Louis Noland Loveless, Daniel G. Page, Jim Munro, Donald O. Robertson, John Rutherford, Harry B. Wood, Jr.

CANDIDATES FOR OTHER CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Miss Connie Jo Kitley, Miss Charlotte Frasher.

STATED JANUARY MEETING

First Presbyterian Church San Angelo, Texas

January 21, 1958

The Presbytery of the Southwest convened in the First Stated Meeting after its organization January 1, 1958, in the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo, Texas, January 21, 1958 at 2:00 P. M.

Exell Coon called the meeting to order, having been appointed to open the First Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest with a period of worship. Presbytery was led in prayer by Exell Coon after which he preached a sermon for the Presbytery from the text, I Kings 3:3-12 on the subject: "The Understanding Mind."

Ruling Elder R. E. Glass was introduced to the court and extended a welcome from the host church.

The Stated Clerk reported on the enrollment of Presbytery as organized by the Synod of Texas. The roll was called and a quorum declared present. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: Homer C. Akers, Tom B. Anderson, Thomas Brewster, Fred O. Brewton, Jr., Chas. B. Brinkley, Joe M. Brown, S. Evans Brown, Albert C. Burke, Jr., John W. Byrd, Earl M. Clary, Exell Coon, Lin. D. Crossman, Jr., Clarence E. Dodge, Norman D. Dow, Jr., Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Allan Guthrie, E. O. Harrell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Troy Jarvis, John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, Felix W. Keys, Jr., R. Gage Lloyd, Flynn V. Long, Jr., R. Matthew Lynn, Collis S. McKinney, Donald M. Megahan, Harold G. Odum, Lewis G. Petmecky, David M. H. Richmond, Richard H. Schmidt, James L. Spencer, Albert S. Tippet, Jack W. Ware, Donald C. Whiteside and David L. Zacharias.

Ruling Elders: Selvin Allen, Southern, Amarillo; Wendell Nichols, First, Barstow; A. A. Porter, First, Big Spring; Nolan F. Young, St. Paul, Big Spring; Malcolm B. Wardlaw, First, Ballinger; L. R. Dobbs, First, Clovis, N. M.; R. B. Mayfield, First, Coahoma; Fred Stalling, First, Coahoma (First Day); E. M. Owen, First Colorado City; J. E. McCurry, First, Crane; Sam E. Jones, Jr., First,

Eldorado; John B. Covington, Faith, El Paso; L. R. Hazard, Manhattan, El Paso; Paul E. Simpson, Trinity, El Paso; J. Glenn Bixler, University, El Paso; Raymond Eaves, First, Lovington, N. M.; Lee O. White, First, Fort Stockton; Burnett Roberts, First, Levelland; S. C. Wilson, First, Lubbock; C. R. Miner, Grace, Lubbock; Freeman Paschall, John Knox, Lubbock; Art Bowman, Westminster, Lubbock; John M. Hills, First, Midland; G. P. Bolden, St. Andrews, Midland, First Day; J. A. Warren, St. Andrews, Midland, Second Day; R. W. Barker, Westminster, Midland; Joe Fraley, Westminster, Midland, Alternate; Don R. Williams, First, Odessa; M. L. Alexander, Normandy Heights, Odessa; Charlie G. Taylor, St. Paul, Odessa; A. W. Bingham, First, Pecos; L. J. Wilson, First, Portales, N. M.; G. K. Mitchell, First, Sanderson; L. E. Nilsson, First, San Angelo; Mark F. Cooper, St. Andrew, San Angelo; W. H. Dixon, St. Andrew, San Angelo, Second Day; W. Maxwell Turner, Carlsbad Church, Sanatorium; Joe Simmons, First, Seagraves; W. T. Curry, First, Seminole; Randolph C. McNeill, First, Spur; Hal M. Knight, First Sterling City; G. M. Langdon, First, Van Horn.

The motion was adopted to enroll the ministers of the Presbytery of the Southwest in the book of enrollment formerly used by the Presbytery of El Paso and that this roll become the official roll of the Presbytery of the Southwest. The stated clerk was instructed to prepare the roll for Presbytery.

Election of the Moderator

Presbytery proceeded to the election of the moderator. Tom B. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas was elected Moderator of the Presbytery of the Southwest. His election was by acclamation.

Committee on Docket

The Council of Presbytery presented the docket which was adopted as amended.

Resignation of Albert C. Burke, Jr.

Albert C. Burke, Jr., tendered the resignation of his pastoral charge to the Presbytery and requested dissolution of the relation between himself and the St. Andrew

Presbyterian Church of San Angelo, Texas. Tom B. Anderson, acting in behalf of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, presented the request of Albert C. Burke, Jr., and stated that the Congregation of the St. Andrew Church had concurred with him in this request, the date to be effective, January 21, 1958.

Presbytery accepted his resignation and dissolved the relation between Albert C. Burke, Jr., and the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Texas, and declared the pulpit vacant as of January 21, 1958. The motion was adopted to dismiss him to the Presbytery of John Knox in order that he might accept the call of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Austin, Texas. The stated clerk was instructed to forward the Presbyterial Certificate of Dismission and a letter of commendation for Albert C. Burke, Jr., to the Presbytery of John Knox.

Albert C. Burke, Jr. was then appointed Stated Supply of the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of San Angelo, Texas until February 6, 1958. The stated clerk was instructed to request John Knox Presbytery to allow Albert C. Burke, Jr. to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery until February 6, 1958.

The stated clerk asked to be relieved of the duties of the office of Parliamentarian for the first Stated Meeting of Presbytery. The request was granted. Exell Coon was then elected by acclamation to serve as parliamentarian for this Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Introduction of Visitors

J. Arthur Strickland, assistant pastor elect of the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas, was introduced to Presbytery as a member of the Presbytery of Red River. He was invited to sit as a visiting brother.

J. J. Wester, who is serving the First Presbyterian Church of Barstow, Texas as Stated Supply, was introduced to Presbytery as a member of the Presbytery of Northeast Texas (Paris) and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

L. E. Milling, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, was introduced and given the privilege of the floor.

Communications

The Stated Clerk read the following Communications which were referred for action as follows:

1. The General Assembly's Board of Church Extension Report on the work of Chaplain Walton G. Sugg, Jr.; to the Church Extension Committee.
2. Minutes from the El Paso Presbyterian Council, U. S. and U. S. A.; to the Church Extension Committee.
3. The General Assembly's Board of Annuities and Relief report; to Assembly's Causes.
4. An overture from the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas; to the Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions.
5. A petition from the First Presbyterian Church of Talpa, Texas; to the Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions.
6. Requests for the dissolution of their pastoral relationship from Flynn V. Long, Jr. and Albert C. Burke, Jr.; to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.
7. Resignation of Flynn V. Long, Jr. and Albert C. Burke, Jr. from Committee responsibilities; to Committee on Nominations.
8. Request of Felix W. Keys, Jr. to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery; to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.
9. Requests of First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Southern Church, Amarillo, Faith Church, El Paso, and Grace Church, Lubbock, Texas to make changes in the terms of their calls to their pastors; to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Stated Clerk read the Minutes of three Commissions to Install Pastors forwarded from the Presbytery of El Paso. They were the Commission to Install: Albert S. Tippet as pastor of the John Knox Presbyterian Church Lubbock; W. B. Holmes, Jr. as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Horn; and, Fred O. Brewton, Jr. as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Levelland.

12 MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

They were ordered printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest, Volume One, Number 1 in the section concerning El Paso Presbytery business.

R. Matthew Lynn read a communication from the Synod of Texas concerning the actions necessary to conclude the work of the Presbytery of El Paso and the following motion was adopted:

Whereas the Presbytery of the Southwest is the sole successor of the Presbytery of El Paso, be it herewith authorized to approve the reports of the Presbytery of El Paso to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and to the Synod of Texas.

Further, that the proper committees of the Presbytery of the Southwest be authorized to examine and audit the treasurer's reports of the committees of the Presbytery of El Paso and report to the Presbytery of the Southwest any subsequent business of the Presbytery of El Paso.

Further, that any such reports and actions be incorporated into the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES AND MANUAL OF OPERATION

The Special Committee on Standing Rules and Manual of Operations reported through the Chairman, Tom B. Anderson. The proposed manual was presented and adopted as amended for a period of one year. The Manual was docketed for final consideration and approval, after being used for the operational procedures for one year, at the Stated January meeting of Presbytery, January, 1959. The committee was commended and discharged.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees: Leave of Absence; Homer C. Akers, Chairman, Troy Jarvis, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., J. Glen Bixler, A. A. Porter and Lee White. Bills, Overtures and Resolutions; W. T. Curry, Chairman, Fred O. Brewton, Jr., Thomas Brewster, John H. Justus, Freeman Paschall, and Raymond Eaves. Judicial Business; E. O. Harrell, Chairman, Richard H. Schmidt, J. Allan Guthrie, Mark F. Cooper, A.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST 13

W. Bingham and Selvin Allen. Sessional Records; J. G. M. Ramsey, Chairman of the Examination Committee.

Presbytery resolved into a committee of the whole in order to examine the Sessional Records of the Churches. J. G. M. Ramsey acted as Chairman of the Committee. Upon the completion of the work of the committee, the committee rose, and the Moderator resumed the Chair.

Presbytery took recess at 6:00 P. M. to reconvene at 7:30 P. M. for evening Worship.

Having reconvened at 7:30 P. M. Presbytery heard David L. Stitt, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, preach on the subject: "The Nature and Mission of the Church." Following the observation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Presbytery adjourned with the Benediction to meet at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday morning.

SECOND DAY

Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator at 8:30 A. M. and C. P. Owen led Presbytery in worship.

The minutes of the preceding day were read, corrected and approved.

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Felix W. Keys, Jr. completed the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. It was adopted as amended and is as follows:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work makes the following recommendations:

1. That the pastoral relationship of Albert C. Burke, Jr., to the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Texas, be dissolved as of January 21, 1958, and that his membership in the Presbytery of the Southwest be transferred to the Presbytery of John Knox, Synod of Texas, in order that he may accept a call to the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. This is in accordance with his own request and with the concurrence of the congregation at St. Andrew Church.
2. That the pastoral relationship of Flynn V. Long, Jr., to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas, be dis-

solved as of January 26, 1958, and that his membership in the Presbytery of the Southwest be transferred to the Presbytery of Central Texas, Synod of Texas, in order that he may accept the call of the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Central Texas to organize a new work in the city of Fort Worth, Texas. This is in accordance with his own request and with the concurrence of the Westminster Church's congregation.

3. We recommend approval of the following salary changes in pastoral calls:
 - a. The Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, to David L. Zacharies; from \$7,200 to \$7,800 per annum.
 - b. First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, to Tom B. Anderson; from \$8,100 to \$8,400 per annum.
 - c. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas, to Dan F. Goodwin, Jr.; from \$4,950 plus \$480 car allowance to \$5,500 per annum plus \$600 car allowance.
 - d. Faith Church, El Paso, Texas, to Lin D. Crossman, Jr.; from \$3,840 to \$3,960 per annum.
 - e. First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas, to R. Matthew Lynn; from \$10,000 to \$11,200 per annum; and to S. Evans Brown, to \$6,500 per annum.
 - f. St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, Texas, to Jack W. Ware; from \$4,500 to \$4,800 per annum.
 - g. First Southern Presbyterian Church, Amarillo, Texas, to Clarence E. Dodge; from \$5,100 to \$5,700 per annum.
 - h. Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, to Troy Jarvis; from \$4,200 to \$4,500 per annum.
 - i. First Presbyterian Church, Lovington, N. M., to Gordon F. Garlington, Jr.; from \$3,600 to \$4,000 per annum.
 - j. Normandy Heights Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas, to J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr.; from \$4,600 to \$5,000 per annum.
4. That the following men be given permission to labor out of bounds of the Presbytery for 1958:
 - a. Walton G. Sugg, Jr., Chaplain, U. S. Army.
 - b. Charles B. Brinkley, Community Church, Kermit, Texas.
 - c. Felix W. Keys, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, Talpa, Texas. It is further recommended that Felix W. Keys, Jr., be approved as Stated Supply of the Talpa Church subject

to the action of the Presbytery of Central Texas until such time as the Synod of Texas shall transfer the church to the Presbytery of the Southwest; or should the Synod fail to take such action, until the next stated meeting of this Presbytery following the 1958 stated meeting of the Synod of Texas.

- d. T. Henry Stafford, to September 1958, student in Scotland.
- e. Norman D. Dow, Librarian, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
5. That Mr. James Munro be approved as Occasional Supply of the Church at Seagraves, Texas, until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.
6. That Felix W. Keys, Jr., be approved as Stated Supply of the Church at Paint Rock for 1958 and that we approve the salary of \$300 per annum plus 10% annuity dues. We further recommend that he be given the powers of an evangelist in the city of Paint Rock, Texas.
7. That J. J. Wester be approved as Temporary Supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Barstow, Texas, for a period of one year.
8. That J. G. M. Ramsey be approved as Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Crane, Texas, for a period of one year.
9. That Lewis G. Petmecky be approved as Stated Supply of the Carlsbad Presbyterian Church of Sanatorium, Texas, for a period of one year.
10. That S. Evans Brown be approved as Stated Supply Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas, for a period of one year.
11. That the call of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas, to J. Arthur Strickland to be Assistant Minister be found in order, that he be examined according to the Book of Church Order, and if the way be clear, he be received into this Presbytery. The terms of the call are \$4,800 per annum, a manse, and a sum equivalent of 10% of the salary basis paid into the Minister's Annuity Fund, plus full participation in the church's insurance program.

Elder Bob Barker, Westminster Presbyterian Church Midland, Texas, spoke to Presbytery of the congregation's

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affection for Flynn V. Long, Jr and their reluctant concurrence with his request to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Central Texas.

RECEPTION OF J. ARTHUR STRICKLAND

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of J. Arthur Strickland in accordance with recommendation No. 11 above. Joe M. Brown introduced him to the Presbytery. The Stated Clerk read the certificate of dismissal from the Presbytery of Red River, Synod of Louisiana, and the letter of commendation directed to the Presbytery.

The Moderator examined in experimental religion. Tom B. Anderson conducted the examination in Theology. Flynn V. Long, Jr. conducted the examination in Sacraments. Dan F. Goodwin, Jr. conducted the examination in Church Government. The examinations were sustained as satisfactory in part and as a whole. He was enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of the Southwest upon his signing of the Obligation of Presbytery. The call of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas was placed in his hands and he accepted the call.

Presbytery recessed to extend the right hand of Christian Fellowship to J. Arthur Strickland, and reconvened.

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL

B. O. Wood reported for the Council. The report and its recommendations are as follows:

The Council of the Presbytery of the Southwest respectfully submits the following report.

The Council was organized September 11, 1957, and is composed of the following personnel: B. O. Wood, Dick Yates, W. M. Osburn, R. Gage Lloyd, Joe M. Brown, R. C. Douglas, C. P. Owen, Edwin M. Jackson, Robert Spencer, Shelby Read, Ben E. Gillespie and Collis S. McKinney.

The Sub-Committees were appointed and are as follows:

BUDGET: R. Gage Lloyd, Dick Yates, Joe M. Brown

PROGRAM AND PUBLICITY: Ben E. Gillespie, Robert Spencer, Collis S. McKinney

AUDITS: Shelby Read, W. M. Osburn

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RESEARCH: C. P. Owen, R. C. Douglas, Edwin M. Jackson

The askings for the year 1958, as adopted by the Convention meeting in Odessa September 11, 1957, were sent to the local congregations.

Four Stewardship Rallies were held in the following cities: San Angelo, Lubbock, Midland and El Paso. Guests of the Council were the Minister, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Chairman of the Every Member Canvass, President of the Women of the Church and President of the Men of the Church. The rallies were well attended. The Causes of the Assembly, Synod, and Presbyteries were presented in an informative and inspirational manner. It is the feeling of the Council that these rallies have been most helpful in giving leaders in our local congregations needed information as to the purpose of the Benevolent Program of the Church.

The Presbytery will be interested in noting that a report received from E. A. Dean, central treasurer, states that the Presbytery of El Paso gave a total of \$148,783.44 to regular benevolences in 1957. This was \$9,136.56 short of the apportionment. We are grateful for this splendid report and hope that in 1958 the entire apportionment of the Presbytery of the Southwest will be met.

The Executive Secretary of Presbytery has reported on the financial condition of the Council. Summarized it reads as follows:

Balance: 1-1-57	\$ 319.49
Received	3,854.06
Balance	4,173.55
Disbursements	4,163.13
Balance 12-31-57	\$ 10.42

It is well to remember that the Council's expenses include the following items:

A. The expenses of the Stated Clerk's Office:

1. General Assembly Assessment
2. Synod's Assessment
3. Salaries of the Clerk's Office
4. Printing of Minutes, Etc.

B. All Committee expenses other than the Executive Committee

expenses, but including the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

C. The Expenses of the Council

1. Stewardship expenses
2. Convention Expenses (1957)
3. Speaker's Honorarium

The Council's funds are received from the regular benevolences of the Presbytery. The Presbytery does not levy a tax for the expenses of the Council and Stated Clerk's Office. Should the funds prove inadequate, the Council has the privilege of reinstating the Presbytery Tax.

Following is the calendar of events of this Presbytery insofar as we were able to present it at this time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly—Charlotte, N. C.—April 24-29, 1958

THE SYNOD

January 24-25—Synod Men's Council, Austin
 February 3-7—Austin Seminary Lectures
 May 20-22—Synod of Texas, Fort Worth
 May 22—Steering Committee, Executive Committee of Christian Education, Fort Worth

1958 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas
 Synod of Texas

Senior High Workshop—June 6-12

John Spragens, Director; Otis Moore, Camp and Conference Committee Representative

Westminster Conference for Adults—June 13-15

Clifford Williams, Director; David Pittenger, C. & C. Rep.

Older Adults Conference—June 16-20

Leonard Boswell, Director

Men of the Church—June 20-22

Dan Goldsmith, Director

Youth Leadership—June 23-27

Harold Jackson, Director; W. H. Tieman, C. & C. Rep.

Women's Week-end—June 27-29

Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Director

Synodical Training—June 30-July 5

Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Director

Laboratory School (Mo-Ranch)—July 8-15

David Zacharias, Director; Lee Jennings, Asst. Director

Laboratory School (Lubbock)—July 13-15

Recreation Workshop—July 15-18

Allen Smith, Director

Church Administration—July 18-20

G. H. Slusser, Director; W. H. Foster, C. & C. Rep.

Lab School—Kingsville—July 20-25

Christian Teachers—July 21-26

Willodine Gisler, C & C. Rep.

Lab School—Fort Worth—July 27-August 1

Ministers—July 28-August 1

David Currie, Director

Music—August 4-9

John Bumstead, Director; David Pittenger, C. & C. Rep.

Senior High—August 20-27

William S. Smith, Director; W. H. Tieman, C. & C. Rep.

Hugenot Fellowship—August 29-September 1

Joe Owen, Director; Jack Hudson, C. & C. Rep.

Student Conference—September 1-6

John Marvin, Director; Al Burke, C. & C. Rep.

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1958 PRESBYTERY DATES

What	Where	When
Youth Council	Seminole First	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
Men's Council	Normandy Hts., Odessa 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 16
Women of the Presbytery, Dist. 4	Van Horn, First	Feb. 25
W. O. P. Dist. 3	Andrews, First	Mar. 5
M. O. P. (Dist. 3 & 4)		Mar. 9
M. O. P. (Dist. 2)	Big Spring	Mar. 14
M. O. P. (Dist. 1 & 2)		Mar. 16
W. O. P. (Dist. 1)	Portales	Mar. 19
C. E. Comm.	St. Paul, Odessa	Apr. 8-9
Ch. Ext. Comm.	First, Odessa	Apr. 8-9
Coordination of V.C.S.C.	Odessa	Apr. 12
V. C. S. Clinic	San Angelo	Apr. 18-19
W. O. P. Training School	Odessa	Apr. 22-24
Youth Rally—Spring	First, Odessa	Apr. 25-26
V. C. S. Clinic	Lubbock	May 2-3
V. C. S. Clinic	El Paso	May 9-10
Presbytery Meeting		June 3-4
6th Grade Camp	Scott-Able	June 25-July 2
7th Grade Camp	Scott-Able	July 2-9
8th Grade Camp	Scott-Able	July 9-16
Maverick Camp	Scott-Able	July 16-23
Wilderness Camp	Rim-Rock	June 16-24
Family Camp	Scott-Able	July 25-27
Sr. Conference	Sul-Ross	
M. O. P. Rally (Elder-Deacon Convocation)		Oct. 18-19
Church Ext. Comm.		Oct. 21-22
M. O. P. Round Table (Dist. 1 & 2)		Nov. 2
W. O. P.	Big Spring	Nov. 5-6
M. O. P. Round Table (Dist. 3-4)		Nov. 16
M. O. P. Round Table		Nov. 23
C. E. Committee		Dec. 9-10

(Note: M. O. P.—Men of the Presbytery; W. O. P.—Women of the Presbytery; V. C. S.—Vacation Church School; C. E. Comm.—Christian Education Committee; Ch. Ext. Comm.—Church Extension Committee.)

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that Stewardship Rallies be held next fall along the general line of those conducted the past fall.
2. We recommend that the Calendar of events beginning in April, 1958, through March, 1959, be printed and that sufficient copies be made for distribution to the Churches. (Available through the Minister of Education, J. F. Austin, 1401 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas)

The report was considered seriatim, and recommendation 1 was adopted.

Special Order of the Day

Presbytery recessed at 10:40 A. M. to reconvene at 11:00 A. M. for the special order of the day, when it was led in worship by David L. Stitt, President of Austin Presbyterian Seminary. He spoke on "Our Presbyterian Heritage." Following his address, Presbytery expressed appreciation to David L. Stitt for his messages with a rising vote of thanks.

Following prayer by the Moderator, Tom B. Anderson, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:50 A. M. to reconvene at 1:00 P. M.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 P. M. with prayer by Joe M. Brown.

The report of the Council was resumed and recommendation 2 adopted. The report was adopted as amended as a whole.

CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

David L. Zacharias, Chairman, reported for the Church Extension Committee. The report was considered seriatim, amended and adopted as a whole.

With the organization of the Presbytery of the Southwest, the Church Extension Committee of this Presbytery has the greatest geographical area to cover of any Presbytery in the entire General Assembly. As a matter of fact the area is larger than some of the other Synods. This brings with it a greater challenge and an in-

creasing responsibility. It is the hope that your Church Extension Committee, with the increased funds for 1958, will be able to give greater aid to new work in the Presbytery and also provide funds to assist in the purchase of real estate in growing suburban areas of our cities before increased property costs and building restrictions make such purchases inadvisable. This frequently will mean the investing of a considerable amount of money in a potential church site several years before there is an actual church organization. Your Church Extension Committee will only be able to purchase the future sites needed with the help of existing Presbyterian congregations in the cities of our Presbytery. Our funds are greatly limited and we cannot do nearly as much as we would like with the available money.

Your Committee, however, is not limiting its interest in new work to the city areas alone. Only recently we have been considering the possibility of a church organization in the town of Dimmitt. While there is some interest on the part of the people in this community, at the present time it does not seem wise to proceed with any definite plans for a future organization.

The Grace Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, the First Presbyterian Church of Lovington, and the University Church of El Paso, have all been self-supporting as of this past year, 1957. Their step to self-support in each instance, was greatly helped by a grant from the Church Extension Committee. In addition, a grant was given to the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma for building aid, and another grant to the Trinity Church of El Paso to make it possible to liquidate an old note owed to the Church Extension Committee. In the area of new work sizeable grants have been given to the St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Odessa, the Faith Presbyterian Church of El Paso, and the new work in Lubbock. Much of the grant payments to these churches came out of T. F. C. funds. Your committee received for the year of 1957 from T. F. C. a total of \$8,595.32, all of which has been disbursed. All of the churches of the Presbytery are encouraged to give as generously as possible in their pledges to T. F. C. as much of this money returns to our own Presbytery and is immediately put to a good use.

Your committee wishes to report on the continued growth and development of the churches in the Presbytery of the Southwest. The Faith Church of El Paso completed their first unit last year and already there is need for additional expansion. The St. Paul Church of Odessa is well along with the building of their first unit. The Normandy Heights Church of Odessa is completing a new and attractive sanctuary and the first service is scheduled for Sunday,

February 16. There is a desperate need on the part of the St. Paul Church of Big Spring for additional educational space, but no funds are available at this time. Other churches which have been in building programs in 1957, some of which are already complete are as follows: The First Presbyterian Church of Clovis, The First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma, the University Presbyterian Church of El Paso, the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock and the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Midland. It is our understanding that the following churches hope to undertake some form of building construction this year: The First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, the Grace Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, the New Work in Lubbock, The First Presbyterian Church of Midland, the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Midland, the First Southern Presbyterian Church of Amarillo and the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of San Angelo. There may be others of which your committee is uninformed.

The new work in Lubbock is progressing and the church hopes to organize as a self-supporting congregation about Easter. They have tentatively selected the name St. Mark for their church. We are delighted to report that a new church has been organized in Sonora, the Church of the Good Shepherd, of which J. Allan Guthrie is the pastor. We heartily commend this church for organizing as a self-supporting congregation.

Your committee has given serious consideration and study to the needs and opportunities for further expansion in the Presbytery of the Southwest. At the present time under consideration is property in Odessa, Big Spring, El Paso, Clovis, Amarillo and Midland. We hope that churches will be organized in some of these communities either toward the latter part of 1958 or definitely in the year of 1959.

Your Church Extension Committee at the last meeting on January 17, in Amarillo, met with a similar Committee from the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. A Comity Committee composed of representatives from both the U. S. and U. S. A. Churches for the city of Amarillo was authorized at the meeting. This committee is to work immediately on the selection of another site for our Presbyterian Church, U. S. \$1,500.00 is available from the old Presbytery of Dallas on the provision that we do something specifically in Amarillo. It should be pointed out that property secured in Amarillo may not necessarily be used for new work there as there is a possibility that the First Southern Church of Amarillo may have to relocate because of a new super-highway. The Presbytery of Dallas is turning over a note to the Presbytery of the Southwest against

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the Happy Presbyterian Church of \$1,000.00. The Presbytery will receive \$50.00 a month from this church until it is paid. This money is being placed in the loan fund. A small site in Lorenzo has been sold and the sum of \$350.00 received. This amount has been placed in the General Fund.

Once again your Church Extension Committee urges that all cities in which there are two or more Presbyterian Churches organize some kind of an inter-church council to assist in the planning of new work. This committee should work toward the selection of future sites and means of helping finance purchase of such sites. Only as our local congregations in such cities work together can we possibly hope to keep up with the rapid growth and development of the cities in this great area of the Southwest.

The Synod Committee on Church Extension has recommended that no work be done on the part of the Presbytery in the area of radio and television. However, they are quite anxious that each Presbytery have a chairman on radio and television, and that his responsibility be to promote and see how many of our assembly programs can be given time on local stations in cities in which there is a Presbyterian Church. Clarence E. Dodge has been appointed as that Chairman.

Evangelism still remains the first business of the Church. Certainly in the Presbytery of the Southwest there are unlimited opportunities for reaching men, women and children for Jesus Christ. Our Presbyterian Church dare not fail in this most important mission. Your attention is called to the recommendations on evangelism from our General Assembly of 1957. The Assembly proposes an over-all program of evangelism through friendship, visitation, preaching, and churches are urged to have communicants classes for adults as well as children. In addition there should be more follow-up on members who move to other towns.

As we begin our work in this great Presbytery of the Southwest we want to become distinctive in many ways. Especially we are desirous of outstanding records in benevolent giving, and in the growth of communicants as well as the organization of more churches. Only, however, as local churches and their ministers make every effort to inform their members of the great on-going program of the church will this be possible. We lay it on the hearts of those present here today to see that this is done this coming year in their churches.

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The Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of the Southwest makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Presbytery of the Southwest authorize the Trustees of the Presbytery to sign all necessary papers to transfer the title of the manse of the University Presbyterian Church of El Paso from the Presbytery of El Paso to the University Presbyterian Church of El Paso.
2. We recommend that the Minutes of the El Paso Council of Presbyterians, U. S. and U. S. A. May 11 and September 8, 1957, along with the Minutes of the Executive Committee of this Council, August 27, 1957, be approved and the Churches of El Paso be commended for their cooperative efforts in the Lord's Work. And, that the Stated Clerk of Presbytery inform the secretary of El Paso Council of Presbyterians, U. S. and U. S. A. of this action.

3. That the Manual of Operations be amended as follows:

3.2.35 Page 12. Inter-Church Relations Committee

This committee is charged with the responsibility of work with other denominational bodies, comity agreements, and other inter-church work within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Southwest. The Chairman of this committee would normally be a member of Synod's Inter-Church Relations Committee.

Albert C. Burke, Jr. was given the privilege of the floor to make known his appreciation of the Presbytery and its fellowship and his continued interest in the work as he begins his work in another Presbytery.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Flynn V. Long, Jr. presented the report of the Christian Education Committee which was considered seriatim and adopted as a whole. It is as follows:

Your committee presents herein the outline of its plans for a Presbytery program for 1958. No attempt is being made to review the activities of 1957 for either of the Presbyteries now composing the Presbytery of the Southwest. Suffice it to say that it is the feeling of the committee that all that has been accomplished in the past has led us to a point where in thanksgiving to God we are able to proceed to the development of a program which we anticipate

will prove a real aid to strengthen the accomplishment of the church's purpose in each congregation in our area.

It is the general feeling of the Executive Committee that our entire program must be directed toward the development and training of leaders in every area of the Presbytery who can in turn serve as direct contact people for the local churches. The great geographical expanse of the Presbytery makes it virtually impossible for a single Minister of Christian Education to be available at all times to each church. J. F. Austin has done a work which your committee considers most remarkable in directly contacting and familiarizing himself and the committee with the problems of the churches. This was a necessary first phase, but the physical problems are such that to continue the program on this basis only is highly impractical if not impossible. Your committee has instructed the Minister of Christian Education of its desire to enter a second phase in which the primary emphasis will be the training of voluntary leadership in the Presbytery who will be able in turn to serve the local churches in their vicinity, their work being supplemented and sustained by the Minister of Christian Education. For the most part the program for 1958 is planned with this in mind. Its success is dependent on the cooperation of local sessions and pastors in facing the problem with us and on the information about Presbytery's program being placed in the proper hands in the local church.

The following recommendations are offered:
Leadership Education Division:

1. That churches be encouraged to send children's leaders and teachers to the Area Laboratory School to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock on July 13-18, 1958, under the joint auspices of the Presbytery, the Synod of Texas and the General Assembly.
2. That Presbytery approve a Teacher-Consultant Training Program including Training Centers and Consultants outlined as follows:
 - a. The Minister of Christian Education to prepare a list of qualified teacher consultants within the bounds of Presbytery.
 - b. These to be called together for explanation of the total program.
 - c. A Brochure to be sent to each church explaining the program in terms of how the church may prepare for a con-

sultant's visit and what the church may expect from the visit.

- d. A record to participating churches and an evaluation of the program to be made by the Executive Committee of Christian Education.
 - e. Assembly's Material on Consulting Centers be sent to all churches indicating interest in setting up a Teacher Consulting Center.
3. That the following plan for Vacation Church School Training be approved.
 - a. Each church will be offered the choice of attending a Vacation Church School Clinic or having a qualified leader visit the church.
 - b. Three two-day clinics will be held if interest is indicated on the following dates:
 - April 18-19, San Angelo, 7:00 P. M.
 - May 2-3, Lubbock, 7:00 P. M.
 - May 9-10, El Paso, 7:00 P. M.
 - c. The committee will send 8-10 people to the Synodical Vacation Church School Training School who together with the 5 attending last year will compose a cadre of 15 leaders to set up this program.
 - d. Churches represented at the clinics are encouraged to send a minimum of four leaders. Training will be offered in the area of Kindergarten, Primary, Junior and Administration.
 - e. Churches should notify the Christian Education office by March 19th of their interest in utilizing this program.
 4. That Presbytery approve an Area Pioneer Work outlined as follows:
 - a. Pioneer Work Areas to be set up:
 - Area 1A Amarillo, Clovis, Portales, Happy
 - Area 1B Lubbock, Levelland, Lovington, Seagraves, Tahoka, Spur
 - Area 2A Colorado City, Coahoma, Big Spring, Midland.
 - Area 2B Sterling City, Carlsbad, Talpa, Ballinger, Paint Rock, San Angelo, Eldorado, Sonora
 - Area 3 Odessa, Andrews, Crane, Seminole, Fort Stockton, Kermit, Barstow, Pecos, Sanderson
 - Area 4 El Paso, Van Horn, Ruidoso

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- b. A person to be appointed in each area as Area Chairman of Pioneer Work.
 - c. A Pioneer Leadership Education Clinic to be held early in 1958 under the direction of Troy Jarvis and J. F. Austin, area chairmen to attend at Presbytery's expense.
 - d. Pioneer Conclaves to be held in all areas on April 12, 1958.
5. That churches be advised and encouraged to support the Presbytery Senior High Fellowship, Richard H. Schmidt and Mrs. W. H. Dixon of San Angelo, being the Adult Advisors. The Spring Rally will be held April 26-27 in Odessa and the Fall District Rallies as follows:
- District 1 October 31-November 1
 - District 2 November 7-8
 - District 3-4 December 5-6

Camps and Conferences Division

6. That Presbytery endorse the following camp and conference season:

Camp	Director	Place	Date	Enrollment
6th Grade Camp	Gordon F. Garlington, Jr.	Scott-Able	June 25-July 2	50
7th Grade Camp	Lin D. Crossman, Jr.	Scott-Able	July 2-9	50
8th Grade Camp	Jack W. Ware	Scott-Able	July 9-16	50
Maverick Camp	Charles B. Brinkley	Scott-Able	July 16-23	50
Wilderness Camp	Exell Coon	Rim-Rock-Ranch	June 16-24	24
Family Camp	David L. Zacharias	Scott-Able	July 25-27	24
Senior Conference	Richard H. Schmidt	Sul Ross	June 16-23	100

- 7. That Presbytery grant the committee permission to finally fix all dates and choose additional directors as may be necessary.
- 8. That churches be encouraged to grant financial assistance to their young people attending camps and conferences whenever possible in 1958 and that such an item be included in the church's budget if it is not already so.

Division of Christian Vocations

- 9. That Presbytery approve the following memberships for the Division of Christian Vocation: J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Chairman.
 Dr. Robert Anderson, Charles B. Brinkley (1958)
 Harold G. Odum, David M. H. Richmond (1959)
 Edwin Jackson, Donald C. Whiteside (1960)
- 10. That Presbytery through the Christian Vocation Division of

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the Christian Education Committee proceed to set up a testing program for recruiting, receiving, and caring for Candidates for the Ministry and Christian Service.

- 11. That ministers be requested to forward the names of young people who are or might be interested in Church Vocations to the Chairman of Presbytery's Division of Christian Vocations.
- 12. That Presbytery take note of the following roll of candidates transferred from the Presbytery of El Paso:
 Fred H. Babb, First, Odessa
 Walter A. Beuhrle, First, Odessa
 Kenneth G. Brown, Grace, Lubbock
 John H. Carlberg, First, Pecos
 Harold Layton Clark, Normandy Heights, Odessa
 Eugene B. Doughtie, First, Odessa
 Charlotte Frasher, First, Midland
 Henry Freund, Manhattan, El Paso
 Chas. R. Galbraith, John Knox, Lubbock
 Jack Gibbs, Westminster, Lubbock
 Grantland Groves, First, Odessa
 Joseph M. Hawes, Manhattan, El Paso
 George Herrscher, First, Odessa
 Malcolm P. Haynes, Manhattan, El Paso
 Connie Jo Kitley, First, Midland
 David Laverty, Westminster, Midland
 Louis N. Loveless, Coahoma
 Edward Kimball Milling, Westminster, Lubbock
 Jim Munro, First, Portales
 Daniel G. Page, First, Midland
 Donald O. Robertson, First, Fort Stockton
 Harry B. Wood, First, Odessa
- 13. That Presbytery take note of the following candidate transferred from the Presbytery of Mid-Texas:
 John Rutherford, First, San Angelo
- 14. That Presbytery express its encouragement and constant concern for these persons and that upon the adoption of this recommendation, Presbytery be led in prayer for their guidance and support in the work to which they have been called.

15. That Presbytery endorse the Every Family Plan of the Presbyterian Survey and recommend that churches give it serious consideration.

Flynn V. Long, Jr., Chairman

Following the prayer for the Candidates of the Presbytery, Flynn V. Long, Jr. spoke commending the Synod's Conferences at Mo-Ranch. C. P. Owen also spoke of the Mo-Ranch conferences, especially mentioning the Older Adult Conference.

ASSEMBLY CAUSES

Donald C. Whiteside, Chairman, reported for the Committee on Assembly's Causes. The report and its recommendation was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee on Assembly's Causes wishes to make the following report: For the past three years the Board of World Missions has supplied the Presbytery with an itinerant Missionary during the season of emphasis. This year we were unable to procure either a missionary or a board member.

However, Miss Shirley McRee whose home Presbytery is here with us will be available March 3-12. Should you desire an appointment, it should be made before the adjournment of this meeting of Presbytery, making it with Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., who is arranging her itinerary.

The report for the year 1957 has not been received to date but the latest available figure, 1956, reveals that the Presbytery of El Paso was 80th of the 85 Presbyteries in the total contributions to World Missions.

ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

The Report of the Ad Interim Committee on Annuities and Relief recorded on pp. 141-143 of the 1953 Minutes of the General Assembly states:

"That the General Assembly call to the attention of its ordained ministers who are not members of the Ministers' Annuity Fund, that on and after January 1, 1954, in the case of those whose ordination took place subsequent to April 1, 1940, the date of the opening of the fund, or who were received by transfer from other denominations subsequent to April 1, 1940,

it shall not ordinarily be the obligation of the Ministerial Relief Fund to care for them. The same shall apply to the widows and the dependents of said ministers, but shall not prevent the continuance of appropriations to ministers, or their dependents, who on January 1, 1954, were already receiving appropriations from the fund of Ministerial Relief."

Unless there are very unusual circumstances ministers who are not members of the M. A. F. will not be eligible for Ministerial Relief. Four ministers of this Presbytery were included in this group, but their relationship with the Board of Annuities and Relief has been satisfactorily established.

We recommend:

That all ministers and dependents under the Board of Annuities and Relief from El Paso Presbytery and other Presbyteries now under the Jurisdiction of the Presbytery of the Southwest be transferred to the Presbytery of the Southwest.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

R. Matthew Lynn, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Nominations. It is as follows:

Your committee would place in nomination the following:

1. Chairman of the Council: R. Gage Lloyd (Class of 1958) to succeed B. O. Wood who has resigned as chairman of the Council but retains his membership on the Council.
2. Chairman of the Christian Education Committee: Exell Coon (Class of 1960) to succeed Flynn V. Long, Jr., removed.
3. Member of the Christian Education Committee: Mrs. Ben T. Horton, San Angelo, (Class of 1959) to succeed Jack B. McGregor, resigned.
J. Allan Guthrie (Class of 1959) to succeed Flynn V. Long, Jr., removed.
James Page of Eldorado (Class of 1960) to succeed Albert C. Burke, Jr., removed.
4. As member of the Committee on Examinations: Albert S. Tippit (Class of 1960) to succeed Flynn V. Long, Jr., removed.
5. As member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work: Harold G. Odum (Class of 1960) to succeed Albert C. Burke, Jr., removed.

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6. As Commissioners to the General Assembly: Place No. 1, Minister Alternate, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., to succeed Flynn V. Long, Jr., removed.

Place 4, Minister, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr.; Alternate, James L. Spencer.

Place 4, Ruling Elder, G. K. Mitchell, First, Sanderson; Alternate, Herbert Whitney, First, Big Spring.

R. Matthew Lynn, Chairman

The report was received and the men, along with the previously nominated members from the Convention of Presbytery Number 1, meeting in Odessa, Texas, September 11, 1957, were elected to the committees and classes as listed above, and in the full roster of committee membership located in the Directory of this volume of the Minutes of Presbytery.

The Moderator named J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr. as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTED MINUTES

James L. Spencer, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Printed Minutes. The Report was adopted as follows:

Your Permanent Committee on Printed Minutes has studied volume 52 number 2, Fall Minutes of the Presbytery of El Paso and volume 11, number 2 of the Synod of Texas. We wish to commend our Clerks of the Presbytery for their excellent work.

We wish to make the following notation:

As recorded in Synod's Minutes, Volume 11, Number 2, page 189, the Synod ordered the Presbytery of El Paso to meet in Houston on May 22, 1957. No record of this meeting appears in the Presbytery's printed minutes. (Note: Minutes of this meeting are recorded in this Volume of the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest, in the section concerning El Paso Presbytery.)

Recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that there be a slight change in the format to make reading easier, using at least eight point bold capital letters for the headings of committee reports and less prominent type for recommendations.

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2. That the Stated Clerk investigate a proposal to standardize the Printed Minutes of the Presbyteries of the Synod of Texas by Andrew Byers of the Pan American School in Kingsville, Texas.

The Judicial Business Committee reported no business referred to them.

BILLS, OVERTURES AND RESOLUTIONS

Fred O. Brewton, Jr. presented the report of the Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions. The report was considered seriatim, adopted in part and as a whole. It is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions met on Wednesday, January 22, 1958, with a quorum present and transacted the following business handed to it by this Presbytery, and makes the following report and recommendations to this Presbytery:

The committee received the following bills, overtures and resolutions:

1. Petition from the First Presbyterian Church of Talpa, Texas, to the Presbytery of the Southwest: "That the Presbytery of the Southwest receive the First Presbyterian Church of Talpa as a member church from the Presbytery of Central Texas, and that, should this action be taken, the Presbytery petition the Synod of Texas to effect the transfer."
2. An overture from the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas, concerning racial segregation: "Inasmuch as the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U. S. stated—'That the General Assembly affirm that enforced segregation of the races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian Theology and ethics and that the Church, in its relationship to its cultural patterns, should lead rather than follow;' And inasmuch as the Supreme Court of the United States has declared that segregation is out of harmony with our Federal Constitution; The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church overtures the Presbytery of the Southwest to charge the Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of the State of Texas, to use every power at his command to uphold the Law of the Land as interpreted by our Federal Courts and he

be so informed; Furthermore that every member of the Senate and House of Representatives of Texas living within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Southwest be informed of this action."

The above, together with the accompanying documents and letters, are attached to this report as exhibits and made part hereof by reference.

The committee has found the foregoing matters to be in due form, and, after due inquiry into the facts surrounding them, makes the following recommendations with respect to same:

1. That this Presbytery consent to and join in the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Talpa, Texas, to the Synod of Texas that such things be done by Synod as are necessary, proper and convenient in order to transfer such church from the Presbytery of Central Texas to the Presbytery of the Southwest, providing a corresponding action is taken by the Presbytery of Central Texas.
2. In accordance with the overture of the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas, the following resolution should be passed by Presbytery, and copies and notice thereof transmitted to the Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas, and to all members of the Texas Legislature residing within the geographical boundaries of this Presbytery:

"Whereas, the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. stated 'That the General Assembly affirm that enforced segregation of the races is discrimination which is out of harmony with Christian Theology and ethics, and that the Church in its relationship to its cultural patterns should lead rather than follow; . . .'

"Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has declared enforced racial segregation to be out of harmony with and violative of the Constitution of the United States,"

"Therefore, this Presbytery of the Southwest hereby charges the Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas, to exercise every power at his command to uphold the law of this land respecting racial segregation, as such laws have been interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States."

3. This Committee recommends that Presbytery express its thanks to the First Presbyterian Church, U. S., of San Angelo, Texas, to its pastor, Harold G. Odum, its Pastor-Emeritus, B. O. Wood, and to the church officers and musicians, and especially its ladies, for the delightful provision they have made for the needs and comforts of this Presbytery.
4. Be it further resolved that Presbytery express to David L. Stitt its gratitude for the inspiration and focus of spiritual understanding that he has given us in his two messages. (Recommendation No. 3 was adopted by a Standing Vote.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Homer C. Akers, Chairman, reported for the Leave of Absence Committee. It was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully recommends:

1. That the request of the elder representative from the Ruidoso Church, W. S. Campbell, to be absent from this meeting of Presbytery be approved. He reports that Ruidoso is snowed in.
2. That the request to depart early from this session be granted to: G. P. Bolden, St. Andrews, Midland; J. J. Wester and Wendell Nichols, First, Barstow; W. B. Holmes, Jr., and G. M. Langdon, First, Van Horn; Joe M. Brown and Don Williams, First, Odessa.
3. That the request of Felix W. Keys, Jr., and Malcolm Wardlaw, First, Ballinger, to be excused from the Tuesday afternoon session because of a funeral, be granted.

Homer C. Akers, Chairman

REVIEW OF SESSIONAL RECORDS

J. G. M. Ramsey, Chairman, reported for the Committee on Review of Sessional Records. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

The Presbytery resolved itself into a committee of the whole to review the Sessional records of the churches. Of the 45 churches on the roll of Presbytery, only Ruidoso, First; Tahoka, First; and, Happy, First, failed to present their Sessional Records for review.

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The results of the examinations were recorded in each Sessional record book according to the check lists which were returned, inserted in the records, dated and signed by the Moderator at San Angelo, Texas.

Churches Approved Without Exception:

Carlsbad, Sanatorium	Odessa, St. Paul
Clovis, First	Paint Rock, First
El Paso, Trinity	San Angelo, St. Andrew
Fort Stockton, First	Sanderson, First
Lubbock, John Knox	Crane, First
Midland, St. Andrews	El Paso, Manhattan
Midland, Westminster	Lubbock, Westminster
Odessa, First	Midland, First
Van Horn, First	El Paso, Faith

Churches Approved with the Following Exceptions:

Amarillo, Southern: 1. No Audit of Treasurer's Records recorded. Andrews, Andrews: 1. Minutes of Congregational meetings not properly signed by Moderator and Clerk.

2. No record of Sessional Review of Minutes of Board of Deacons.

3. No record of annual audit made of Treasurer's Records.

Barstow, First: 1. Full account of all business transacted not included.

2. Adoption of Session Minutes not recorded.
3. Minutes of Board of Deacons not reviewed.
4. No copy of Annual Statistical Report.
5. No annual audit of the books reported.

Big Spring, First: 1. All minutes not approved.

2. No record that Representatives to Church Courts made a report.
3. Annual Statistical Report not included.
4. No annual audit of the books reported.

Big Spring, St. Paul: 1. Place of Session meeting not given every time.

2. No record of ordination and installation of new Deacons.

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4. Omit names of Elders present at one meeting.

5. All Session minutes not signed.

3. People received into the Church as Associate Members.

Coahoma, First: 1. Omitted names of church to which members dismissed.

2. Manner of reception of one member omitted.

3. Omission of Clerk's signature to Congregational Meeting.

Colorado City, First: 1. Typographical errors should be corrected.

2. Name of one who leads in prayer to open Session minutes not mentioned often.

Eldorado, First: 1. No statement of Sessional action on July 21 when person was "voted into the Church."

2. Minutes of July 28 not signed. No Statement of Sessional Action in this meeting of Installation and Ordination of Church Officers.

3. No statement of Session action in reception of members.

El Paso, University: 1. Deacons' Minutes reviewed only once in year.

2. No record of Joint Meetings.

3. No record of Annual Audits.

Levelland, First: 1. No time stated for meeting on January 7.

2. No record of reviewing Deacons' work.

3. No record of election of representative to Synod.

4. No record of adoption of Statistical report.

Lovington, First: 1. Copies of Annual audits of the books of the church not included.

Lubbock, First: 1. No record of review of Deacons' work.

2. No minutes recorded of Joint Meetings.

Lubbock, Grace: 1. No record of minutes being read and approved.

Odessa, Normandy Heights: 1. Minutes of Joint Meetings with Board of Deacons not recorded.

Paint Rock, First: 1. Only one elder—only one meeting with Evangelist Felix W. Keys, Jr.

Pecos, First: 1. Did not review minutes of Board of Deacons semi-annually.

2. Copy of Annual Audit not included in minutes.

Portales, First: 1. Several minutes not signed by Acting Clerk of Session.

2. Minutes of Board of Deacons not reviewed semi-annually.

San Angelo, First: 1. No record of review of minutes of Board of Deacons.

2. Place of Session Meetings not mentioned.

3. Did not conduct an examination and ordination of Deacons.

4. No annual Statistical Report included.

5. No record of Deaths kept.

6. No record of the calling of Congregational Meetings with minutes included.

7. Elders present at meetings not listed in body of minutes.

8. Minutes for December 8 not approved.

Seagraves, First: 1. Annual Statistical report not included.

2. Audit of treasurer's books not recorded.

Seminole, First: 1. No record of representatives to Church Courts making reports.

Spur, First: 1. No record of electing representatives to Church Courts.

2. No record of the annual Statistical Report.

3. No record of the Audit of the Treasurer's books included.

Sonora, Church of the Good Shepherd: 1. Set of Minutes not signed by Clerk.

2. Minutes of meeting not signed by Clerk Flynn V. Long, Sr.

3. Minutes of November 17—Clerk did not sign—no

prayer at close—no indication of adoption of budget for 1958.

Sterling City, First: 1. Minutes of Board of Deacons not reviewed semi-annually.

2. No record of Session examining and ordaining Church Officers.

3. Did not adopt and submit to Presbytery Statistical Report.

4. No record of calling Congregational Meeting with the minutes of the meeting included.

5. No minutes of Joint Meetings with Deacons.

6. Copies of Annual Audits not included.

Ballinger, First: 1. No record of who opened and closed meetings with prayer.

2. No record of motions, seconds, and vote on many actions.

3. No review of minutes of Board of Deacons.

4. Representative elected to only one Court and a Convention, and no report made to Session.

5. No record of call of one Congregational Meeting, with minutes included.

6. No record of Audit of Church Books.

Recommendations:

To facilitate the work of annotating results of the review in the future, in the record we recommend:

1. That the Stated Clerk provide a rubber stamp worded as follows, or similarly: "Approved with exceptions noted on check list at _____ 19____.

_____, Moderator."

2. That a revised check list be supplied by the Stated Clerk providing a suitable heading that will suggest entry of the name and address of the Church whose record is being examined and the name and address of the examiner, and that the items be numbered consecutively.

3. That Presbytery require great care in the examination of the records.

J. G. M. Ramsey, Chairman

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Earl M. Clary, Stated Clerk, presented the report of his actions in behalf of the Presbytery of El Paso during the year 1957. The report was adopted as follows:

To the Presbytery of the Southwest, January 21, 1958, meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Texas.

During the year, 1957, the Stated Clerk prepared the necessary documents, conducted the correspondence of the Clerk's Office, and filed the records in the proper places. Reports were made to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and to the Synod of Texas.

Two issues of the Minutes were prepared and distributed, Vol. 52, No. 1 and No. 2. Minutes of a Called Meeting of Presbytery held after the preparation of the last issue of the Minutes, and Minutes of the Special meeting he'd during Synod are printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest, Vol. 1, No. 1.

The Stated Clerk conveyed to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Southwest the files of the Clerk of Presbytery, and, other materials apertaining to the Office of the Stated Clerk were also placed in the hands of the Clerk of Presbytery, according to instructions issued by the Presbytery of El Paso.

EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of El Paso, 1957

The Stated Clerk also presented the report of the Trustees of the Presbytery of El Paso, which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF EL PASO PRESBYTERY

To the Presbytery of the Southwest, January 21, 1958, meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Texas.

The trustees of El Paso Presbytery present the following report of their actions in behalf of the Presbytery of El Paso during the year of 1957.

Upon authorization:

1. Conveyed to St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa,
 - a. Lot 7, Block 63, Crescent Park Addition, 3rd Filing, City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas.
 - b. Lot 22, Block 80, Crescent Park Addition, 4th Filing, City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas
2. Sold: Lots 1 and 2, Block 8, original town of Lorenzo, Crosby County, Texas, to Ralph Wiese.
3. In connection with the reorganization of the Synod of Texas, and the organization of the Presbytery of the Southwest, conveyed to the Trustees of the Presbytery of the Southwest the following properties:
 - a. Lot 15, Block 7, Windsor Heights Addition, 3rd filing, City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas
 - b. Lots 18, 19, 20, Block 185 Original town of Morton, Cochran County, Texas.
 - c. Part of tract 1, block 3, Morrow Subdivision, being a part of SW ¼ section 4, Block 0, Lubbock County, Texas.
 - d. Two tracts out of SE ¼ of Section 18, Block B, Lubbock County, Texas.

Further, prepared a document to cover any properties not specifically named above, conveying title to the Trustees of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

EARL M. CLARY, Trustee
Presbytery of El Paso, 1957

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas to meet in that Church for the next meeting of Presbytery.

The motion was adopted that the Stated Clerk prepare and place in the hands of the Churches a docket of business, with any special orders of the day that may be planned, prior to the meeting of Presbytery.

Felix W. Keys, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger, Texas, was named Moderator-Nomi-

nee, subject to the election of the Presbytery at the next stated meeting.

The motion was adopted to authorize the Stated Clerk to forward to the General Assembly the amended report of El Paso Presbytery for the year 1957.

The minutes were read and approved.

The motion to adjourn was adopted.

Presbytery was led in worship by the Moderator, Tom B. Anderson, and with the Benediction, the Presbytery of the Southwest was declared adjourned to meet in the St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas, June 3, 1958, at 7:30 P. M.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Moderator

LIN D. CROSSMAN, JR., Assistant Clerk

Attest:

EARL M. CLARY,
Stated Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EL PASO

TWO CALLED MEETINGS

MINUTES OF THREE COMMISSIONS

INSTALLATION OF A. S. TIPPIT

Lubbock, Texas November 17, 1957

The commission appointed by El Paso Presbytery to install Albert S. Tippit as pastor of the John Knox Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas, was convened in a room of the church at 7:15 p.m. and opened with prayer by Tom B. Anderson.

Ministers present were Tom B. Anderson, David L. Zacharias, and Richard H. Schmidt; Elders present were Ross W. Hester and Wayne Williams.

A quorum being present, Tom B. Anderson was elected Moderator and David L. Zacharias was elected Clerk of the Commission. The order of worship and the docket of business were approved and the commission moved into the Sanctuary for the worship service and installation of Albert S. Tippit.

Tom B. Anderson presided over the service and introduced the members of the commission. Elder Wayne Williams read the scriptures and the evening prayer was given by Elder Ross W. Hester. The sermon, "Does God Call Us Today?" with the text from Exodus 3:3, was preached by David L. Zacharias. Tom B. Anderson asked the constitutional questions which were answered in the affirmative by the pastor-elect and the congregation; whereon the moderator declared that Albert S. Tippit be installed as pastor of the John Knox Presbyterian Church. The charge to the pastor was given by Richard Schmidt and the charge to the congregation was delivered by David L. Zacharias. L. E. Milling, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery led in a prayer of consecration. The service was concluded with the benediction by the new pastor, Albert S. Tippit.

Following the service the commission reconvened and the minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned and dissolved with prayer by Richard H. Schmidt.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Moderator
DAVID L. ZACHARIAS, Clerk

SPECIAL SESSION

First Presbyterian Church Houston, Texas
May 22, 1957

The Presbytery of El Paso met as ordered by the Synod of Texas, in the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas, May 22, 1957.

The Moderator Exell Coon opened the meeting with prayer at 5:00 P. M.

The following were present:

Ministers: Tom B. Anderson, J. F. Austin, Thomas Brewster, Joe M. Brown, Exell Coon, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., Frank Crown, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., W. B. Holmes, Jr., John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, R. Gage Lloyd, Flynn V. Long, Jr., R. Matthew Lynn, David T. Moore, Collis S. McKinney, C. P. Owen, T. Henry Stafford, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Jack W. Ware, Donald C. Whiteside, David L. Zacharias, J. G. M. Ramsey, David M. H. Richmond and George A. Young.

Ruling Elders: Lloyd W. Morgan, Andrews, Andrews; Ben Hawkins, First, Big Spring; D. W. Conway, St. Paul, Big Spring; Wilson Humphry, First, Clovis; Leroy Echols, First, Coahoma; E. M. Owen, First, Colorado City; Wily M. Thompson, Manhattan, El Paso; George Baker, First, Fort Stockton; R. C. Douglas, First, Lubbock; Donald A. Gum, Westminster, Lubbock; Earnest Sidwell, First, Midland; H. O. Ferrell, Westminster, Midland; Don R. Williams, First, Odessa; M. L. Alexander, Normandy Heights, Odessa; Gail D. Jones, First, Pecos; J. F. Sanders, First, Ruidoso.

There being a quorum present, the call was read as follows:

The Presbytery of El Paso was ordered by the Synod of Texas to meet to transact the following business:

1. To consider the request of George A. Young to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Brazos, so that he may accept the call of the Session of the Texas City Church as assistant pastor.
2. To consider the disposition of the Settles Estate of Big Spring, Texas.

The call was found in order and the items were considered seriatim.

Collis S. McKinney made the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work which was adopted.

That George A. Young be dismissed to the Presbytery of Brazos in order that he may accept the call of the Ses-

sion of the First Presbyterian Church of Texas City, Texas to serve as the Assistant Pastor. The date to be May 22, 1957. And further, that a letter of commendation be written concerning George A. Young to the Presbytery of Brazos.

Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of item 2.

The motion was adopted to authorize the trustees of the Presbytery of El Paso to give the power of attorney to R. E. Middleton of Howard County, Texas, to liquidate the Settles Estate, with the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of El Paso as a recipient of the estate, along with Austin College, Austin Seminary and the Board of World Missions.

The minutes were read and approved and the meeting adjourned with prayer by R. Matthew Lynn.

EXELL COON, Moderator
LIN D. CROSSMAN, JR.,
Assistant Clerk.

INSTALLATION OF W. B. HOLMES, JR.

Van Horn, Texas December 8, 1957

The Commission appointed by El Paso Presbytery to install W. B. Holmes, Jr., as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Horn, Texas, was convened in the manse of the church at 7:00 P. M., and opened with prayer by Donald C. Whiteside, convenor.

Ministers present were: Donald C. Whiteside, Collis S. McKinney and Lin D. Crossman, Jr. Ruling Elders present were: Thad Munn and Norman Breed of Van Horn. Donald C. Whiteside was elected to preside and Lin D. Crossman, Jr., was elected clerk of the meeting. The order of worship and the docket of business for the service were approved. A quorum was present.

The commission moved into the sanctuary for the worship service and the installation of W. B. Holmes, Jr.

Donald C. Whiteside presided over the worship service. Collis S. McKinney preached the sermon, the subject, "The Things That Are God's" from the text, Luke 20:25. Donald C. Whiteside propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and the congregation. These were answered in the affirmative after which W. B. Holmes, Jr. was declared duly installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian

Church of Van Horn, Texas. The charge to the pastor was given by Lin D. Crossman, Jr., and the charge to the congregation delivered by Norman Breed. The service was concluded with the benediction given by W. B. Holmes, Jr.

Following the service the commission reconvened and the minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned and dissolved with prayer by Collis S. McKinney.

DONALD C. WHITESIDE, Moderator
LIN D. CROSSMAN, Jr., Clerk

INSTALLATION OF FRED O. BREWTON, JR.

Levelland, Texas September 29, 1957

The commission appointed by the Presbytery of El Paso to install Fred O. Brewton, Jr., as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Levelland, Texas, convened in the First Presbyterian Church at 7:15. The commission was called to order by the convenor, Richard H. Schmidt, and J. F. Austin led in prayer.

Present were: Ministers: Richard H. Schmidt, J. F. Austin, and E. O. Harrell. Ruling Elders: R. H. Hester and W. L. Hester. A quorum was present.

Richard H. Schmidt was elected to preside and J. F. Austin was elected clerk. The order of worship and the docket of business for the service were approved and the commission moved into the Sanctuary for the worship service and the installation of Fred O. Brewton, Jr.

Richard H. Schmidt presided over the service and introduced the members of the commission. J. F. Austin preached the sermon, from the text: Matthew 5:5. Richard H. Schmidt propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and to the congregation. These were answered in the affirmative by the pastor-elect and the congregation; whereon the moderator declared that Fred O. Brewton, Jr., be duly installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Levelland, Texas. The charge to the pastor was given by W. L. Hester. The charge to the congregation was given by E. O. Harrell. The service concluded with the benediction by the new pastor, Fred O. Brewton, Jr.

Following the service the commission reconvened and the minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned and dissolved with prayer by E. O. Harrell.

RICHARD H. SCHMIDT, Moderator
J. F. AUSTIN, Clerk

CALLED MEETING

November 7, 1957

The Presbytery of El Paso met in special session in the First Presbyterian Church of Pecos, Texas, November 7, 1957 at 2:10 P. M. The last Moderator present, R. Matthew Lynn, called the meeting to order. Presbytery was led in prayer by ruling elder, E. Hall.

Those present were: **Ministers:** Charles B. Brinkley, Joe M. Brown, Earl M. Clary, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., Frank Crown, Ben E. Gillespie, W. B. Holmes, Jr., D. Burke Kerr, R. Matthew Lynn, J. G. M. Ramsey and Richard H. Schmidt. **Ruling Elders:** J. E. Echols, First, Barstow; Wayne Williams, John Knox, Lubbock; L. E. Milling, Westminster, Lubbock; and E. Hall, First, Pecos.

J. J. Wester, Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Barstow was introduced as a visiting brother from the Presbytery of Paris and invited to sit with the court and given the privilege of the floor.

A quorum being present the call was read and found in order. It is as follows:

"The Constitutional requirements having been met according to Par. 78, Book of Church Order, the Presbytery of El Paso is hereby called to meet at Pecos, Texas, Thursday, November 7, 1957, 2:00 P. M., in the First Presbyterian Church of Pecos, Texas to transact the following business:

1. To act upon the request of W. B. Holmes, Jr., for Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, N. M.
2. To act upon the Call of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Horn, Texas to W. B. Holmes, Jr.
3. If the way be clear, to appoint a Commission to install W. B. Holmes, Jr. as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Horn, Texas.
4. To receive S. Evans Brown from the Presbytery of Western Texas.

5. To receive Albert S. Tippit from the Presbytery of Western Texas, to act on the Call extended to him by the John Knox Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas, and to appoint a Commission for his installation, if the way be clear.

6. To act upon any matter pertaining to the above items of business.

EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk.

The motion was adopted to proceed to the consideration of items four and five.

The Certificates of Dismission for S. Evans Brown and Albert S. Tippit were read by the stated clerk as were letters of commendation for the two ministers.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented and the following recommendations adopted:

1. That the call of the John Knox Presbyterian Church of Lubbock be found in order to Albert S. Tippit and that he be examined according to the Book of Church Order, and if the way be clear, a Commission be appointed for his installation. The terms of the Call are: \$4,800.00 per annum, a manse and a sum equivalent to 7½% of the salary basis into the Ministers' Annuity Fund, and \$300.00 a year car expense.
2. That S. Evans Brown be examined and if the way be clear he be received as a member of the Presbytery of El Paso as he has in his hands a Call to be the Stated Supply serving in that capacity as Associate to the Pastor in the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

S. Evans Brown and Albert S. Tippit were introduced to the court and the motion to proceed with their examination and reception into the Presbytery adopted.

The Committee on Examinations made an oral report. In response to the request of the Committee on Examinations the Moderator appointed Lin D. Crossman, Jr. to examine in the Sacraments, and Ben E. Gillespie to examine in the field of Theology.

R. Matthew Lynn conducted the examination on Religious Experience; Ben E. Gillespie conducted the ex-

amination on views in Theology; Lin D. Crossman, Jr., in the Sacraments; and, D. Burke Kerr, in Church Government. The examinations were sustained in part and as a whole.

S. Evans Brown and Albert S. Tippit signed the obligation of Presbytery and were enrolled. The Call of the John Knox Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas was placed in the hands of Albert S. Tippit and it was accepted.

S. Evans Brown was named Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas, in the relationship as Associate to the Minister. The relationship was for a period of one year.

The following Commission was appointed to Install Albert S. Tippit as pastor of the John Knox Church of Lubbock, Texas, November 11, 1957, 7:30 P. M.

To preside and propound the constitutional questions, Tom B. Anderson; to preach, David L. Zacharias; to charge the congregation, David L. Zacharias; to charge the pastor, Richard H. Schmidt; and to complete the Commission, ruling elders Wayne Williams and R. W. Hester. A quorum of two ministers and one ruling elder was set.

Presbytery proceeded to the items of business relative to W. B. Holmes, Jr.

Recommendation 3 of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was adopted.

3. That the pastoral relationship of W. B. Holmes, Jr., to the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, N. M., be dissolved as of November 15, 1957, and that the Call of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Horn, Texas, be found in order and that a Commission be appointed to install him. The terms of the call are \$4,200.00 a year and 7½% of the salary basis to be paid into the Ministers' Annuity Fund and a manse. The First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, N. M., has concurred in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

Presbytery appointed the following Commission to Install W. B. Holmes, Jr. as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Horn, Texas, the date being De-

cember 8, 1957, at 7:30 P. M. To preside and propound the constitutional questions, Donald C. Whiteside; to preach the sermon, Collis S. McKinney; to charge the pastor, Lin D. Crossman, Jr.; to charge the congregation, Norman Breed; and Thad Munn to complete the commission. A quorum of two ministers and one ruling elder was set.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer led by S. Evans Brown.

R. MATTHEW LYNN, Moderator

EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OF PRESBYTERY NUMBER 1

First Presbyterian Church Midland, Texas
January 15, 1957

Presbytery No. 1 met in convention at the First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas, January 15, 1957, at 9:00 A. M., in response to the call of the Convenor, R. Matthew Lynn.

The meeting was called to order by R. Matthew Lynn, who led the Convention in prayer.

The following were present:

Ministers: Tom B. Anderson, J. F. Austin, Thomas Brewster, Joe M. Brown, Albert C. Burke, Jr., John W. Byrd, Earl M. Clary, Exell Coon, Lin. D. Crossman, Jr., Frank L. Crown, James M. Gilbert, Jr., Clarence E. Dodge, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., E. O. Harrell, George S. Heyer, Jr., W. B. Holmes, Jr., Troy Jarvis (Licentiate), Gary M. Jones, John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, Felix W. Keys, Jr., R. Gage Lloyd, Flynn V. Long, Jr., R. Matthew Lynn, Collis S. McKinney, David T. Moore, Edward E. Mulliner, Thomas D. Murphy, C. P. Owen, Lewis G. Petmecky, J. G. M. Ramsey, David M. H. Richmond, James L. Spencer, T. Henry Stafford, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Jack W. Ware, Donald C. Whiteside, James C. Willett, B. O. Wood and David L. Zacharias.

Ruling Elders: M. J. Aderton, First, Lubbock; J. S. Bell, First, Odessa; Aaron F. Clark, First, Sterling City; Max David, First, Midland; Chas. C. Galbraith, John Knox, Lubbock; John W. Green, First, Lovington; Will Hadden, Normandy Heights, Odessa; E. Hall, First, Pecos; Lawrence Hickman, First, Clovis; Edwin M. Jackson, First, Eldorado; Jim Kendrick, Westminster, Midland; J. S. Little, First, Ruidoso; W. V. Mason, Faith, El Paso; Randolph C. McNeill, First, Spur; L. E. Milling, Westminster, Lubbock; L. E. Nilsson, First, San Angelo; K. V. Northington, First, Ballinger; A. A. Porter, First, Big Spring; Joe Simmons, First, Seagraves; Elmer Simpson, St. An-

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drew, San Angelo; Joseph F. Svacek, Jr., First, Seminole; A. P. Sybesma, Andrews, Andrews; W. M. Thompson, Manhattan, El Paso; Glen N. Whitman, First, Fort Stockton. *Alternates:* Pat Boatler, First, Sterling City; J. M. Hawkins, First, Midland; and Harry Lynn, First, Ballinger.

A quorum was declared present and the Convention proceeded to business.

R. Matthew Lynn was elected Permanent Chairman, Felix W. Keys, Jr., was elected Permanent Clerk and Earl M. Clary was elected Permanent Assistant Clerk. The terms of these officers were set to continue until the new Presbytery is constituted.

The docket was amended and adopted.

The Convention was led in worship by B. O. Wood.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Name for Presbytery: Felix W. Keys, Jr., Chairman, Jack W. Ware, Exell Coon, Donald C. Whiteside, R. Matthew Lynn, Gary M. Jones, Lewis G. Petmecky, Gaines B. Hall, J. M. Lewis, Edwin M. Jackson, J. S. Little.

Committee On Standing Rules and Manual of Operation: Tom B. Anderson, Chairman, Homer C. Akers, Paul D. Wright, C. P. Owen, Earl M. Clary, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., T. Henry Stafford, E. O. Harrell, John W. Byrd, George S. Heyer, D. Burke Kerr, J. G. M. Ramsey, James C. Willett, J. F. Austin, K. V. Northington, Lawrence Hickman, W. M. Thompson, Glenn N. Whitman, L. E. Milling, Jim Kendrick, J. S. Bell, E. Hall, Elmer Simpson, Joe Simmons, Aaron Clark.

Committee On Nominations for Officers and Committee Members: J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Chairman, R. Gage Lloyd, Collis S. McKinney, James M. Gilbert, Jr., Edward E. Mulliner, Flynn V. Long, Jr., Albert C. Burke, Jr., R. P. Kelly, David M. H. Richmond, Walton G. Sugg, Jr., John W. Green, M. J. Aderton, Max David, L. E. Nilsson, Randolph C. McNeill.

Committee on Time, Place, Convenor and Devotional Program for the Next Meeting of the Convention and the First Meeting of the New Presbytery: Clarence E. Dodge,

Chairman, Frank L. Crown, James L. Spencer, Thomas Brewster, David T. Moore, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Joe M. Brown, Emmett Galloway, W. K. Johnston, Thomas D. Murphy, E. B. Fincher, A. A. Porter, W. V. Mason, Will Hadden, Joseph F. Svacek.

Committee on Statement Regarding the Implementation of the Intervening Actions Incident to the Organization of the New Presbytery: David L. Zacharias, Chairman, John H. Justus, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, W. B. Holmes, Jr., B. O. Wood, George A. Young, Abraham Fernandez, T. C. Vinson, Stuart McC Rohre, S. E. Crosby, Chas. C. Galbraith.

The Convention was led in prayer by Joe M. Brown for Ernest Sidwell, of Midland, and his family in their bereavement. The Convention then took recess to reconvene at 2:00 P. M. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Midland.

Afternoon Session

The Convention reconvened at 2:00 P. M. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church and was led in prayer by George S. Heyer. B. O. Wood served as Chairman of the Convention in the absence of the Permanent Chairman and at his request.

The report of the Committee on Name for Presbytery was presented and adopted as follows:

1. This Committee unanimously recommends that Proposed Presbytery Number One be named Presbytery of the Southwest.
2. We recommend that this name be sent immediately through appropriate channels to convenors of other Presbytery Conventions.

The report of the Committee On Standing Rules And Manual of Operations was presented and adopted. It is as follows:

Your Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That temporarily we recommend the adoption of El Paso Presbytery's Standing Rules and Manual of Operations until the next Convention of Presbytery Number 1.
2. That between now and the next meeting of the Convention, if any member of the newly organized Presbytery, or Committees set up for the new Presbytery, have any amendments

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or changes, either in the Standing Rules or Manual of Operations, that these be referred to a Sub-Committee listed below which shall serve as a clearing house for such changes presented to them. Your Committee shall present to the next meeting of the Convention any necessary changes which in their opinion seems wise.

3. Your Committee appointed the following to serve on the Sub-Committee which shall make a more complete study of the Standing Rules and Manual of Operations and through whom any changes are to be referred: T. Henry Stafford, General Chairman, James C. Willett, E. O. Harrell, Joe Simmons, J. S. Bell, L. E. Milling and Earl M. Clary.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Time, Place, Convenor and Devotional Program for the Next Meeting of the Convention and the First Meeting of the New Presbytery was presented and adopted as follows:

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Clarence E. Dodge, at 10:45 A. M. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., was appointed secretary.

The roll call was made with the following men present: Clarence E. Dodge, Frank L. Crown, James L. Spencer, Thomas Brewster, David T. Moore, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Joe M. Brown and Thomas D. Murphy, teaching elders; A. A. Porter, W. V. Mason, Will Hadden, and Joseph F. Svacek, ruling elders.

Concerning the time and place of the next Convention of Presbytery No. 1. the following motion was made and passed unanimously:

"That the next meeting of the Convention of Presbytery No. 1 be held September 11, 1957, at 2:00 P. M. in the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas."

Concerning the time, place, convenor, and devotional program for the first meeting of the New Presbytery, the following motion was made and passed unanimously:

1. That the first meeting of the New Presbytery be held on Tuesday, January 21, 1958, and shall convene at 7:30 P. M.;
2. That any church desiring to be host for this meeting channel

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their invitations through the General Council of Presbytery No. 1, and that the General Council be given the power to select or appoint the Place of Meeting;

3. That the convenor for this first meeting be the retiring moderator of El Paso Presbytery;
4. And that the devotional program be arranged by the General Council of Presbytery No. 1.

After approval of the minutes, the meeting was closed with prayer by the Chairman.

CLARENCE E. DODGE, Chairman

The Convention took recess until 2:35 P. M.

The Convention reconvened at 2:35 P. M. and was addressed in welcome by J. L. Kendrick, an elder of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Midland.

The report of the Committee on Nominations for Officers and Committee Members was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
FOR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Recommendations:

1. That, inasmuch as the Committee on Standing Rules and Manual of Operation has recommended that the Convention adopt the structure of organization already established in the El Paso Presbytery, the Convention inflate the existing committees to include representative members of other Presbyteries who have been assigned to the New Presbytery by the Synod, as follows:

COUNCIL:

B. O. Wood, Chairman, First, San Angelo
Felix W. Keys, Jr., First, Ballinger
Edwin M. Jackson, First, Eldorado

CHURCH EXTENSION:

Clarence E. Dodge, Southern, Amarillo
Estes Lynn, First, Ballinger
James C. Willitt, First, Spur

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

L. E. Nilsson, First, San Angelo
 Albert C. Burke, Jr., St. Andrew, San Angelo

COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK:

Lewis G. Petmecky, First, Sterling City
 Paul D. Wright, First, Clarendon

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

Melvin Moore, Southern, Amarillo
 B. O. Wood, First, San Angelo

2. That Earl M. Clary be elected as the Stated Clerk of the New Presbytery for a period of one year beginning January 1, 1958.
3. That all these committees be elected without term and that the Permanent Committee on Nominations be instructed to study the personnel of the New Presbytery and name complete new committees for classes beginning in January 1958, without being obligated to retain the present personnel.

J. LEM TITTSWORTH, JR., Chairman

The report of the Committee on Statement Regarding the Implementation of the Intervening Actions Incident to the Organization of the New Presbytery was presented and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON STATEMENT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERVENING ACTIONS INCIDENT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NEW PRESBYTERY

Present: Ministers, David L. Zacharias, Chairman, John H. Justus, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, W. B. Holmes, Jr., and B. O. Wood; Elders, Chas. C. Galbraith, John Knox, Lubbock, and L. E. Milling, Executive Secretary of The Presbytery of El Paso, who attended a portion of this meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David L. Zacharias.

Since Presbytery Number 1, will encompass all of the now existing Presbytery of El Paso and since on the other hand, only portions of the Presbyteries of Dallas, Mid-Texas and Western Texas will be encompassed in Presbytery Number 1,

and in these portions, in so far as we know, there is no general Presbytery property, but only movable assets and liabilities, we recommend:

1. That the disposition of the cash and movable assets and liabilities of the Presbyteries of El Paso, Dallas, Mid-Texas and Western Texas, as of December 31, 1957, be handled as follows:
 - (a) That all cash and movable assets and liabilities of El Paso Presbytery be transferred to Presbytery Number 1.
 - (b) That we leave it to the generosity of the Presbyteries of Dallas, Mid-Texas and Western Texas as to what proportion of their movable assets and liabilities they allocate to Presbytery Number 1.
2. (a) That the expenses of the newly elected Executive Committees of Presbytery Number 1, namely, the Council, Church Extension Committee, and Christian Education Committee, be borne by the corresponding committees now existing in El Paso Presbytery.
 - (b) That any expenses connected with the process of the organization of Presbytery Number 1 incurred by the Convention Clerk and the Assistant Convention Clerk, be borne by the Council of El Paso Presbytery.
 - (c) That the Council of El Paso Presbytery bear the expenses of any committees appointed by this Convention for the consummation of the organization of Presbytery Number 1.
3. That the Moderator of the Convention write the following ministers: Stuart McC. Rohre, El Paso; Walton G. Sugg, Jr., A. P. O. 189, N. Y.; T. C. Vinson, San Antonio; S. E. Crosby, El Paso; to the effect that they automatically become members of Presbytery Number 1 unless they specifically request to have their membership placed in another Presbytery.
4. (a) Since the church at Anson is in Presbytery Number 2 and is served by the same pastor who is also serving Spur in Presbytery Number 1, and since the church at Talpa is in Presbytery Number 2, and is served by the same pastor who is also serving Ballinger and Paint Rock in Presbytery Number 1, and since we have no communication from these churches regarding this situa-

tion, we recommend that their present status be maintained until they so express a desire for some change.

- (b) It has been called to our attention that the church at Sanderson might wish to become a member of another Presbytery, and if so, we recommend they be given permission to do so.

DAVID L. ZACHARIAS, Chairman

The minutes of the Convention were read and adopted.

The Convention was led in prayer by B. O. Wood and adjourned at 3:10 P. M. to meet again on Wednesday, September 11, 1957, at 2:00 P. M. in the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa.

R. MATTHEW LYNN,
Permanent Chairman

FELIX W. KEYS, JR.,
Permanent Clerk

EARL M. CLARY,
Assistant Permanent Clerk

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OF PRESBYTERY NUMBER 1

September 11, 1957

First Presbyterian Church

Odessa, Texas

Presbytery No. 1 met in convention at the First Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas, at 2:00 P. M., September 11, 1957.

The meeting was called to order by the Permanent Chairman, R. Matthew Lynn, and was led in worship by Joe M. Brown.

The following were present:

Ministers: Homer C. Akers, Tom B. Anderson, J. F. Austin, Thomas Brewster, Charles B. Brinkley, Joe M. Brown, Albert C. Burke, Jr., John W. Byrd, Earl M. Clary, Exell Coon, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., Frank Crown, Clarence E. Dodge, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Gaines B. Hall, E. O. Harrell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Troy Jarvis, John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, Felix W. Keys, Jr., Flynn V. Long, Jr., R. Matthew Lynn, Collis S. McKinney, Thos. D. Murphy, C. P. Owen, Lewis G. Petmecky, J. G. M. Ramsey, David M. H. Richmond, Richard H. Schmidt, James L. Spencer, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Donald C. Whiteside, B. O. Wood, and David L. Zacharias.

Ruling Elders: Selvin Allen, Southern, Amarillo; John R. Braue, St. Andrews, Midland, A. F. Clark, First, Sterling City; Herman B. Dirks, First, Seminole; Leroy Echols, First, Coahoma; D. T. Evans, St. Paul, Big Spring; Roy Glass, First, San Angelo; David Greenlees, Normandy Heights, Odessa; W. A. Hadden, First, Fort Stockton; E. Hall, First, Pecos; L. P. Head, Carlsbad Church, Sanatorium; J. L. Kendrick, Westminster, Midland; W. V. Mason, Faith, El Paso; Coy McMahan, First, Levelland; Q. B. McMahan, First, Odessa; Harry J. McIlroy, St. Paul, Odessa; Randolph C. McNeill, First, Spur; L. E. Milling, Westminster, Lubbock; K. C. Mitchell, First, Sanderson; Wendell Nichols, First, Barstow; James A. Page, First,

Eldorado; George Praul, First, Clovis, N. M.; Shelby Read, First, Big Spring; Jerold Riordan, First, Colorado City; Joe Simmons, First, Seagraves; Frank Stubbeman, First, Midland; Albert P. Sybesma, Andrews, Andrews; William Taylor, Sr., University, El Paso; W. M. Thompson, Manhattan, El Paso; S. C. Wilson, First, Lubbock; *Alternates*: G. Spencer Beasley, First, Levelland; G. C. Jennings, Southern, Amarillo.

A quorum was declared present and the Convention proceeded to business. The docket was adopted as amended.

The following were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brethren: S. Evans Brown, Presbytery of Western Texas; Fred O. Brewton, Jr., Presbytery of Dallas; and J. J. Wester, Presbytery of Paris.

The following Standing Committee on Resolutions was appointed by the Chairman: Thomas Brewster, Chairman, and E. Hall.

The following communications were read and referred as indicated:

1. A request from the Presbytery of El Paso that the convention appoint a committee to consider the matter of a permanent camp site for the Presbytery of the Southwest: referred to the Committee on Nominations for report at the January meeting of the Presbytery.
2. The report of the Chairman:
 - a. That the Moderator of the Presbytery of El Paso will be out of the country in January and that it will therefore be necessary for the Convention to make provision for a Convenor of the First meeting of the Presbytery and a person to preach the opening sermon: referred to the place in the docket for new business.
 - b. Concerning the desires of certain ministers to remain in the Presbytery or to be assigned to others: referred to the clerk for correcting the roll of Presbytery.
 - c. Communications inviting the Presbytery to certain churches for its first meeting: referred to

the place on the docket for the selection of the next place of meeting.

Committee Reports

The Council. The report of the Council was presented by B. O. Wood, and was adopted as amended.

THE COUNCIL

The Council of the Presbytery of the Southwest, appointed at a meeting of the first Convention of the new Presbytery respectfully submits the following report:

The Presbytery as now composed comprises 46 churches and 11,360 communicants. These congregations are scattered over a vast area. This area is one in which there is phenomenal growth in population and industry. We conceive our mission to be the reaching of the thousands of people who now live here and those coming with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the organization of churches for worship, for Christian education and for evangelism, that the name of our Lord may be exalted and a great society of Christian people may be established here.

The Council is a committee with specific duties, appointed by the Presbytery. The scope of its responsibility may be summarized in three words: Interpret, inform, and inspire. It is the business of the Council to interpret to the local churches the program-budget of the General Assembly, the Synod and the Presbytery. This budget is set up as a means of carrying forward the work of these various church courts. It is the business of the Council to inform each local church in this Presbytery of this budget and of the accomplishments or failures of these agencies of the Church. It is their further business to inspire the local churches to develop a stewardship program designed to lead all church members to a commitment of their lives and resources to Jesus Christ.

We believe it would be helpful to re-emphasize the manner in which budgets are planned. On the General Assembly level, all the agencies of this court of the Church present a carefully prepared budget to the General Assembly's Council. The Council studies their requests, screens them prayerfully and carefully, adopts a budget and sends it to the Synods. The Councils of the Synods study the request of the General Assembly, receive and screen the budgets of their own institutions and agencies and pass them on to the Presbyteries. The Councils of the Presbyteries study the askings sent to them, hear the reports and requests of their own committees

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and agencies, adopt a budget and apportion the amounts to each local church as their part of the total responsibility of the mission of the Church. One can see that in this manner a budget is not a hit or miss, haphazard guess, but the result of careful, earnest planning in the light of the needs and opportunities of all the agencies of the denomination. In this way each church has a part in the whole program of the whole Church.

Your Council has studied the askings of the General Assembly, The Synod, and our own agencies. When these figures were added up the total meant an asking from each of our churches of an overall 25% increase in gifts to benevolences. This increase seemed to the Council to be unrealistic and beyond the ability of our churches. After thoughtful decision it was reduced by slightly over 8% and is now presented to the Presbytery. We believe that it is within the possibility of full accomplishment. We are sure that if minister and each church prepares effectively for their every member canvass campaign this goal will be reached. We recommend the following:

1. That the attached statement and allocation of "askings" for the year 1958 be adopted.
2. That 4 rallies be held in strategic locations in the interest of promoting stewardship. That these rallies be attended by the Pastor, Chairmen of the Board of Deacons and Every Member Canvass Committee, the President of the Women of the Church and the President of the Men of the Church.
3. That a letter be written by the stated clerk of this Presbytery to E. A. Dean thanking him for his invaluable aid in preparing this budget.
4. That E. A. Dean, who serves as Synod's treasurer, be elected as the central treasurer of this Presbytery for a term of 3 years beginning with the January stated meeting.
5. That Sunday, November 10, 1957, be designated as Every Member Canvass Sunday.
6. That the date of the first meeting of the new Presbytery be January 21, 1958, at 2:00 P. M. That the place be selected at this meeting of the Convention.
7. That the Council be authorized to secure an outstanding speaker to address this historic first meeting of the new Presbytery.
8. That L. E. Milling be elected as the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery.
9. That the following schedule become the askings for 1958.

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Church	ASKINGS FOR 1958		
	Schedule Used As Basis	Revised Askings	Increase Over 1957 Askings
Amarillo, Southern	\$ 5,499.00	\$ 4,229.00	\$ 824.00
Andrews	1,407.00	1,000.00	300.00
Ballinger	3,367.00	3,100.00	599.00
Big Spring, First	15,501.00	14,950.00	1,250.00
Big Spring, St. Paul	2,082.00	1,600.00	400.00
Carlsbad	806.00	800.00	.00
Clarendon	2,277.00	1,955.00	713.00
Clovis	8,473.00	8,000.00	845.00
Coahoma	1,292.00	780.00	156.00
Colorado City	3,519.00	3,400.00	519.00
Crane	1,109.00	700.00	108.00
Eldorado	3,076.00	2,800.00	259.00
El Paso, Faith	1,359.00	900.00	180.00
El Paso, Manhattan	11,810.00	11,000.00	2,000.00
El Paso, University	1,763.00	800.00	163.00
El Paso, Trinity	1,925.00	1,100.00	100.00
Fort Stockton	5,483.00	5,000.00	600.00
Happy	1,038.00	1,000.00	177.00
Levelland	2,536.00	2,000.00	250.00
Lovington	2,143.00	1,250.00	110.00
Lubbock, First	31,452.00	30,000.00	2,448.00
Lubbock, Grace	1,525.00	1,250.00	250.00
Lubbock, John Knox	1,243.00	750.00	150.00
Lubbock, Westminster	13,652.00	12,000.00	2,000.00
Midland, First	35,824.00	37,000.00	4,000.00
Midland, St. Andrews	4,035.00	3,300.00	500.00
Midland, Westminster	7,128.00	7,000.00	1,904.00
Odessa, First	20,587.00	20,000.00	3,500.00
Odessa, Normandy Hts....	3,012.00	2,000.00	600.00
Odessa, St. Paul	700.00	600.00	300.00
Paint Rock	455.00	450.00	14.00
Pecos	4,987.00	4,800.00	800.00
Portales	3,966.00	3,500.00	500.00
Ruidoso	944.00	500.00	134.00
San Angelo, First	23,645.00	22,000.00	1,616.00
San Angelo, St. Andrew ..	3,240.00	2,550.00	313.00
Seagraves	1,020.00	700.00	100.00
Seminole	3,568.00	3,000.00	300.00
Sonora	500.00	500.00	500.00*

Spur	(200.00)	(200.00)	
Sterling City	1,025.00	950.00	69.00
Van Horn	1,129.00	700.00	100.00
New Work (Lubbock) ..		500.00	500.00**
	\$240,102.00	\$220,414.00	\$30,111.00

*New Church

**Not Organized

DISTRIBUTION

Presbytery Council	\$ 4,385.00	1.96%
Christian Education	21,476.00	9.71%
Church Extension	60,668.00	27.43%
Synod of Texas	63,079.00	28.52%
General Assembly	71,616.00	32.28%

THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by Collis S. McKinney and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Presbytery of the Southwest is the successor of the Presbytery of El Paso: That the call of the Presbytery of El Paso to J. F. Austin be recognized as still in force and be ratified by the Presbytery of the Southwest.

THE COMMITTEE ON MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

The report of the Committee on Manual of Operations reported through the Chairman, Tom B. Anderson, and the report was adopted as amended. It is as follows:

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST STANDING RULES

ARTICLE I—MEETINGS

1. Stated Meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of January and the first Tuesday of June, ordinarily at 2:00 P. M.

2. Location of the next stated meeting of Presbytery shall be determined by the Presbytery at each stated meeting and may at its discretion accept invitations issued by Sessions of Churches within the Presbytery.

ARTICLE II—RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE

1. Rules of Order for Meetings. The Presbytery shall be governed in its meetings by the Book Church Order, the Standing Rules of Presbytery, the Manual of Operations, and the Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and, when none of these apply, by Robert's Rules of Order.

a. Suspension of the Rules. Any Standing Rule of Presbytery, except that providing for the amendment of the Standing Rules, may be suspended for a particular meeting upon the consent of three-fourths of those present, providing the Rule be specifically cited.

b. Order of Business. Presbytery shall determine the Order of Business and program for any meeting of Presbytery by its own action upon the recommendations of the Council of Presbytery.

2. Definition of Standing Rules and Manual of Operations.

a. The Standing Rules shall establish the general organization of Presbytery and shall maintain that organization by assigning the general areas of responsibility and authority.

b. The Manual of Operations shall establish rules for the internal organization, operating procedures, and relationships of Presbytery's officers, committees, and other agencies.

ARTICLE III—OFFICERS

1. Moderator. The Moderator shall be elected by the Presbytery at each stated meeting, and he shall discharge the duties of that office until his successor is elected at the next stated meeting. The Moderator shall perform his duties according to the Book of Church Order, Presbytery's Standing Rules, and Presbytery's Manual of Operations. Ordinarily the Moderator shall have been nominated at the preceding stated meetings.

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2. **Stated Clerk.** Presbytery shall elect a Stated Clerk for a term of three years beginning at stated January meeting of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall perform his duties according to the Book of Church Order, Presbytery's Standing Rules, and Presbytery's Manual of Operations.

3. **Assistant Clerk.** Presbytery shall elect an Assistant Clerk whose term shall run concurrently with that of the Stated Clerk and who shall assist the Stated Clerk in the performance of all his duties. In the event of the resignation or incapacity of the Stated Clerk between stated meetings of Presbytery the Assistant Clerk shall assume at the Moderator's direction the duties of the Stated Clerk until the next Stated Meeting.

4. **Temporary Clerk.** Presbytery may at its own discretion elect a Temporary Clerk to assist the Stated Clerk for that meeting.

5. **Central Treasurer of Benevolences.** Presbytery shall elect a Central Treasurer for a term of three years beginning at the stated January meeting of Presbytery. He shall not necessarily be a member of Presbytery. He shall perform his duties in accordance with Presbytery's Manual of Operation and the fiscal policies of the Presbytery.

6. **Trustees.** Presbytery shall elect three trustees, one of which shall be the stated clerk, for three year terms in annual classes, one trustee being elected at each stated January meeting of Presbytery. The trustees shall receive, hold and convey properties of Presbytery upon authorization of Presbytery and shall make an annual report at the stated January meeting.

7. **Parliamentarian.** The Stated Clerk of Presbytery shall serve as Parliamentarian.

ARTICLE IV—COMMITTEES

Section I—Executive Committees

A. Presbytery's Council.

1. **Personnel.** The Council shall consist of 12 members, including the chairman, elected by the Presbytery. The Chairman shall be elected each year by the Presbytery for a term of one year and shall serve not more than 3 terms in succession. Members shall be elected in three classes for terms of three years and shall not serve more than two terms in succession. The Chairman of the Executive

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Committee of Church Extension, the Executive Secretary of Presbytery, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of Christian Education, the Presbytery's Director of Christian Education, the Moderator-nominee, and the Clerk of Presbytery shall be advisory members of the Council.

2. **Purpose.** The Council shall serve as a coordinating and central service agency to the Presbytery and its Churches with particular reference to program, procedure and finance, to the end that Christian Stewardship in the sense of the administering of a person's time, talents, substance and being as belonging to God shall be promoted.

3. The Council shall organize itself and discharge its duties according to Presbytery's Manual of Operations.

B. The Executive Committee of Church Extension.

1. **Personnel.** This committee shall consist of 12 members, including the Chairman, elected by the Presbytery. The Chairman shall be elected each year by the Presbytery for a one year term and shall not serve more than three years in succession. Members shall be elected in three classes for terms of 3 years and shall not serve more than two terms in succession.

2. **Purpose.** The Executive Committee of Church Extension shall be responsible for developing a program within the Presbytery and its Churches that uses all available means of reaching outside the active Church membership to bring people to a Christian Faith and to Christian Living. It shall co-operate with the Commission on the Minister and His Work in providing a ministry for churches requiring sustentation and for new areas it may discover.

3. The Executive Committee of Church Extension shall organize itself and discharge its duties according to Presbytery's Manual of Operations.

C. The Executive Committee of Christian Education.

1. **Personnel.** This Committee shall consist of 12 members elected by the Presbytery, including the chairman. The Chairman shall be elected each year by the Presbytery for a term of one year and shall serve not more than 3 terms in succession. Members shall be elected in 3 classes for terms of 3 years and shall not serve more than 2 terms in succession.

2. **Purpose.** The Executive Committee of Christian Education shall be responsible for planning a program of training and Christian Nurture that shall lead to a stronger Christian Faith and Christian Outlook and Action, with particular emphasis on the needs of individual members and their churches. It shall seek in every way to aid, support and supplement on a Presbytery level the Educational Program of the Churches of the Presbytery. This Committee shall also be responsible for the enlistment, care and oversight of all candidates under the care of Presbytery.

3. The Executive Committee of Christian Education shall organize itself and discharge its duties in accordance with Presbytery's Manual of Operations.

SECTION II—PERMANENT COMMITTEES

A. **Examinations.** This Committee shall be composed of 6 members elected by the Presbytery and be responsible for the examination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry and Christian Service, candidates for licensure and/or ordination and ministers seeking admission into the Presbytery. Its examinations shall be conducted in accordance with the Book of Church Order in each instance.

B. **Assembly's Causes.** This Committee shall consist of 3 members including the chairman elected by the Presbytery. It shall be responsible for presenting to Presbytery reports covering items of interest concerning the work of Assembly's Agencies not treated fully in the reports of other committees. It shall also serve as a coordinating agency in presenting the plans of Assembly's Agencies in the Presbytery. It shall particularly report to Presbytery on the care and oversight of those in the Presbytery who are qualified beneficiaries of funds of the Assembly's Board of Annuities and Relief and shall set forth to the Presbytery the needs and challenge of the World Mission of the Church with special attention to the enlistment of personnel for foreign service.

C. **Printed Minutes.** This Committee shall be composed of 3 members elected by the Presbytery. This Committee shall examine and report to the Presbytery all irregularities, mistakes and exceptions in the Printed Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest, the Synod of Texas, and the General Assembly. It shall make recommendations concerning the minutes of Presbytery.

D. Nominations.

1. **Personnel.** This committee shall be composed of 6 members who shall be appointed by the Moderator of Presbytery, with the advice of the Stated Clerk, for 3 year terms. Its members shall be divided into 3 classes and shall be ineligible to succeed themselves. The chairman shall be appointed at the close of each stated January Meeting of Presbytery by the Moderator of that meeting.

2. **Purpose.** The Permanent Committee on Nominations shall nominate to Presbytery personnel for its Executive and Permanent Committees, the Commission on the Minister and His Work, Trustees, Commissioners to the General Assembly, Stated Clerk, and Assistant Clerk. In making nominations it shall be guided by the following rules.

a. Except in cases of filling unexpired vacancies all members of elected committees shall serve a 3-year term.

b. Persons nominated shall be arranged in 3 classes of approximately equal size and the term of one class shall expire at each Stated January Meeting of Presbytery.

c. Members of elected committees shall serve only 2 terms in succession.

d. The Presbytery shall elect chairmen for elective committees for one year terms at each Stated January Meeting and these shall be eligible to serve no more than 3 successive terms.

e. No person shall serve on more than one executive committee at the same time.

SECTION III—STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Committee on Review of Sessional Records.

This Committee shall be composed of a chairman and two members appointed by the Moderator to compile the report of the Committee on Review of Sessional Records. The work of this Committee shall be done by the entire Presbytery constituted as a committee as a whole, and shall review and examine the records of Sessions of individual churches of the Presbytery as required by the Book of Church Order. This shall be done ordinarily at the Stated January Meeting. The Chairman of this Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator.

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B. Bills, Overtures and Resolutions.

This Committee shall be composed of 6 members appointed by the Moderator for each session of the Court.

C. Judicial Business.

This Committee shall be composed of 6 members appointed by the Moderator for each Session of the Court. It shall be responsible for the hearing and examination of complaints, appeals, and referrals which may properly be presented to the Presbytery. It shall report and recommend action or procedure to the Presbytery in these and all other judicial cases referred to the Committee.

D. Leave of Absence.

This Committee shall be composed of 6 members appointed by the Moderator for each Session of the Court. It shall be responsible for reporting absences from meetings of the Court and to report the departure of all members of the Court prior to adjournment.

SECTION IV—SPECIAL AND AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

The Presbytery shall elect or cause to be appointed such other Committees as may be necessary to the carrying on of the business of the Court. These Committees shall be limited by instruction of the Presbytery and shall ordinarily be appointed by the Moderator to serve until the next stated meeting of the court.

ARTICLE V—ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONS

Section I—The Commission on the Minister and His Work

The Presbytery shall appoint a Commission to be known as the Commission on the Minister and His Work. It shall consist of 5 ministers and 4 ruling elders. It shall function in accordance with Chapter XVIII of the Book of Church Order, with particular reference to Par. 96. The Chairman of this group shall be elected by the Presbytery and he shall serve as convenor when the Commission meets to perform its duties as a Commission. The Executive Secretary of the Presbytery shall be an advisory member of the Commission.

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Section II—Other Commissions

Presbytery shall appoint such other Commissions as shall be necessary to perform the business of Presbytery which cannot be accomplished with practicality by the entire body in regular or called session. Such commissions shall function in accordance with Chapter XVIII, Book of Church Order.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS

Section I—The Standing Rules

The proposed amendment shall be offered in writing at a stated meeting and be approved by a majority vote of those present. It shall then be docketed for final consideration at the next Stated Meeting and shall be enacted by the vote of the majority at that time.

Section II—The Manual of Operation

The proposed amendment may be enacted by 2/3 majority vote at any Stated Meeting at which time it shall become effective.

The Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations presented its report through J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., and it was adopted as amended:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Council

Chairman: B. O. Wood, Class of 1958

1958: Dick Yates, St. Andrews, Midland

B. O. Wood

W. M. Osburn, First, Midland

R. Gage Lloyd

1959: Joe M. Brown

R. C. Douglas, First, Labbock

C. P. Owen

Edwin M. Jackson, First, Eldorado

1960: Robert Spencer, First, Clovis

Shelby Read, First, Big Spring

Ben E. Gillespie

Collis S. McKinney

Church Extension

Chairman: David L. Zacharias, Class of 1959

1958: Lin D. Crossman, Jr.

R. Matthew Lynn

Hyle C. Doss, First, Seminole

Bob Barker, Westminster, Midland

1959: David L. Zacharias

John H. Justus

Estes M. Lynn, First, Ballinger

James Wright, First, Odessa

1960: Homer C. Akers

Bob Blon, Westminster, Lubbock

Clarence E. Dodge

John Ballard, St. Andrew, San Angelo

Christian Education

Chairman: Flynn V. Long, Jr., Class of 1959

1958: Mrs. Olen Puckett, First, Big Spring

J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr.

Dan F. Goodwin, Jr.

E. O. Harrell

1959: Jack B. McGregor, First, San Angelo

Frank Crown

Troy Jarvis

Flynn V. Long, Jr.

1960: Exell Coon

Albert C. Burke, Jr.

Mrs. M. J. Crozier, Westminster, Lubbock

Richard H. Schmidt

PERMANENT COMMITTEES**Examinations**

Chairman: Tom B. Anderson, Class of 1960

1958: J. G. M. Ramsey

David M. H. Richmond

1959: W. B. Holmes, Jr.

Dan F. Goodwin, Jr.

1960: Tom B. Anderson

Flynn V. Long, Jr.

Assembly Causes

Chairman: Donald C. Whiteside, Class of 1958

1958: Donald C. Whiteside

1959: George A. Stalworth, First, Levelland

1960: Gordon F. Garlington, Jr.

Printed Minutes

Chairman: James L. Spencer, Class of 1960

1958: D. Burke Kerr

1959: Lewis G. Petmecky

1960: James L. Spencer

Commission on the Minister and His Work

Convenor: Felix W. Keys, Jr., Class of 1960

1958: Thomas Brewster

Tom B. Anderson

Larry Doyle, Westminster, Lubbock

1959: W. T. Curry, First, Seminole

Charles Black, Faith, El Paso

Jack W. Ware

1960: Felix W. Keys, Jr.

Jerry Covington, St. Andrews, Midland

Albert C. Burke, Jr.

COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**Ministers:**

Place 1: Donald C. Whiteside; Alternate: Flynn V. Long, Jr.

Place 2: Earl M. Clary; Alternate: Frank Crown

Place 3: J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr.; Alternate: Excell Coon

Ruling Elders:

Place 1: H. E. McRae, First, Midland; Alternate: H. Z. Collier, Ruidoso

Place 2: G. H. Sanders, Grace, Lubbock; Alternate: Charles Black, Faith, El Paso

Place 3: L. E. Nilsson, First, San Angelo; Alternate: Albert P. Sybesma, Andrews

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TRUSTEES

1958: Earl M. Clary
1959: H. E. McRae
1960: George Dupree

OFFICERS

Stated Clerk: Earl M. Clary, (For one year, 1958)
Assistant Clerk: Lin D. Crossman, Jr., (For one year, 1958)
Central Treasurer of Benevolences: E. A. Dean (For a three year term)

NOMINATIONS

Chairman: R. Matthew Lynn, Class of 1959

1958: J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr.
John Drummond, First, Midland

1959: Lloyd W. Morgan, Andrews, Andrews
R. Matthew Lynn

1960: B. O. Wood
Melvin Moore, Southern, Amarillo

Exell Coon was elected Convenor of the first meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest and was appointed to preach the opening sermon.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

The report of the Standing Committee on Resolutions was presented by Thomas Brewster and adopted:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, are happy to present the following report:

Be it resolved that we express our sincere thanks to the officers of the Convention for their efficient preparation for and direction of the entire proceedings, including the preparation and presentation of the docket.

That we express our thanks to the host Pastor for his preparation for and anticipation of the needs of the Convention and for the

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worship service he so inspiringly conducted and for the music that constituted an important part of the service.

Also that we express our thanks to the great Head of the Church for the guidance of His Spirit and for the hope He inspires in us that the New Presbytery of the Southwest may truly be the instrument of His Grace.

THOMAS BREWSTER, Chairman

The First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo was selected as the place of the first meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

The minutes of this meeting were read and adopted.

Following the Benediction by the Chairman, the Convention adjourned to meet again for the first time as a Presbytery at 2:00 P. M. on Tuesday, January 21, 1958, at the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo.

R. MATTHEW LYNN,
Permanent Chairman

FELIX W. KEYS, JR.,
Permanent Clerk

EARL M. CLARY,
Assistant Permanent Clerk

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Amarillo, Southern*†.....	Clarence E. Dodge, P.....	12	16	16	13	8	404	11	3	237	6	...	...	115	...	...	120	...	3400	3520	..		...	...	119	119	3639	22095		27877
Ballinger, First*†.....	Felix W. Keys, Jr. P(3) ...	11	12	3	3	6	175	3	1	132	475	171	160	212	90	2	1110	609	823	2542	99	1691	5	...	32	1827	4369	8291	1768	14428
Eldorado, First*.....	James L. Spencer, P.....	6	9	1	8	25	106	0	4	106	227	113	41	101	69	2	553	478	561	1592	76	1011	...	...	121	1208	2800	8406		11206
Happy, First*†.....	Vacant	4	6	2	..	1	56	..	..	52	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paint Rock, First*.....	Felix W. Keys, Jr. SS(3) ..	1	0	0	2	0	13	0	0	0	83	32	10	36	15	1	177	53	56	286	29	218	...	...	27	274	560	654		1214
San Angelo, First*†.....	Harold Odum, P.....	27	33	15	31	48	884	7	13	636	3139	1535	560	127	936	27	6324	6515	7545	20484	..	2732	...	...	250	2982	23466	62408	32506	108380
St. Andrew†.....	Albert C. Burke, Jr. P... ..	9	21	12	27	18	238	8	11	242	339	168	61	14	102	3	687	714	837	2238	..	1000	...	...	...	1000	3238	15190	15125	33553
Sanatorium, Carlsbad*†.....	Lewis G. Petmecky, SS(2) ..	4	4	..	..	..	31	..	..	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2416		2416
Sanderson, First*†.....	John W. Byrd, P.....	5	5	3	7	..	90	1	..	91	40	7	41	82	...	..	170	105	30	305	102	130	122	...	...	354	659	4245	929	5833
Sonora, Good Shepherd*†.....	Allan Guthrie, P.....	4	7	6	38	1	43	3	4	42	45	22	8	2	14	1	92	96	112	800	..		...	...	...	...	800	5383	12926	18559
Spur, First*.....	Vacant	7	4	..	..	2	24	..	..	40	35	15	6	4	9	..	69	61	70	200	..		...	...	...	...	200	1904		2104
Sterling City, First*.....	L. G. Petmecky, P.(2)	9	3	2	2	..	43	2	2	51	17	2	13	16	1	..	49	8	9	66	10	14	...	...	25	49	115	644	1300	2069

PRESBYTERY'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR YEAR 1957

POST OFFICES	CHURCHES	PASTORS OR SUPPLIES	CONTRIBUTIONS																														
			Officers		Communicants				Bap- tisms		For Budgeted Apportionments Assigned By Presbytery										For Non-Budgeted Campaigns, etc.												
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Profession	Other Gains	Losses	Total Communicants	Adult	Infant	Sunday School Enrollment	World Missions	Assembly's Church Extension	Assembly's Christian Education	Annuities and Relief	Assembly's General Fund	Inter Church Agencies	Total Assembly's Agencies	Total Synod's Agencies	Total Presbytery's Agencies	Total Budgeted Benevolences	Assembly's Agencies	Synod's Agencies	Presbytery's Agencies	Congregational Missions	Miscellaneous	Total Non-Budgeted Benevolences	Total Benevolences	Current Expenses	Building Fund Receipts	Total Contributions		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29					
SYNOD OF TEXAS																																	
4. Presbytery of El Paso. (All towns are in Texas except as noted)																																	
Andrews, Andrews*†		Frank L. Crown, P.	4	9	8	21	15	98	5	9	102	106	50	19	4	29	1	209	153	338	700	164	104	864	14617	15481							
Barstow, First*		(J. J. Wester, T.S.)	3	2			4	44			49	110	45	35	47	26	1	264	151	300	715	23	106	821	2830	3651							
Big Spring, First*†		R. Gage Lloyd, P.	19	24	15	45	37	608	5	12	474	2087	1004	364	72	501	15	4103	2970	6532	13605	135	5400	19847	27776	31048	78671						
St. Paul*†		Jack W. Ware, P.	0	12	13	25	32	156	7	12	139	212	98	30	42	55	1	442	291	639	1372	53		43	95	1408	8517	3000	13081				
Clovis, N. M., First*†		Exell Coon, P.	13	15	13	25	18	380	0	8	309	828	390	145	200	224	0	1863	1180	2001	5640	155	1023	404	1	26	661	4036	4316	9913			
Coahoma, First*		C. P. Owen, P.	5	6	4	6	8	90	4	5	76	96	46	17	3	26	1	189	139	307	635	25				1589	4405	10372	11093	25870			
Colorado City, First*†		Earl M. Clary, P., S.C.	10	9	6	12	15	132	3	2	121	426	204	75	15	117	3	840	018	1358	2816	053	933	3		361	979	7846		8825			
Crane, First*		J. G. M. Ramsey, S.S.	6	6	8	22	3	89	6	9	114	93	45	17	3	26	1	185	135	293	018	88	276			99	334	1054	7571	10537	19162		
El Paso, Faith*†		Lin D. Crossman, Jr., P.	6	9	8	49	2	172	5	20	195	109	52	19	4	30	1	215	168	347	720	35	200			361	979	7846		8825			
Manhattan*†		John H. Justus, P.	11	27	20	45	62	648	6	23	483	1401	609	227	316	349	9	2911	1848	4066	8825	127	1166			345	1638	10463	29107	9401	48971		
Trinity*†		Donald C. Whiteside, P.	5	7	12	38	18	181	6	27	183	151	72	27	5	41	1	267	219	482	968	111	89			15	213	11733	2769	15715			
University*†		Collis S. McKinney, P.	9	15	10	37	14	152	8	4	139	60	29	11	25	16	1	142	88	193	423					290	3330	7901	15400	12272	25372		
Fort Stockton, First*†		Thomas Brewster, P.	13	18	12	25	33	263	8	5	186	810	267	151	378	173	5	1784	1002	1785	4571	158	2582			156	156	10560	10581	2340	14577		
Loveland, First*†		Fred O. Brewton, Jr., P.	9	9	4	25	17	167	4	7	151	227	108	40	8	62	2	447	329	724	1500					170	715	8142	6347	15204			
Lovington, N. M., First*†		Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., P.	6	6	5	10	27	136	5	4	127	262	18	7	72	10		369	55	121	545	112									15204		
Lubbock, First*†		Tom B. Anderson, P.	27	27	18	83	73	1258	8	35	890	3792	1808	674	133	1037	28	7472	5493	12083	25048						8639	33687	59132	55414	148233		
		Donald M. Megahan, Asso.P.																															
Grace*†		Troy Jarvis, P.	6	6	5	14	26	93	5	1	147	25	12	4	30	7		78	37	80	195	18				18	213	8087			6300		
John Knox*†		Albert S. Tippit, P.	6	9	3	27	26	112	3	2	137	72	34	13	62	20	1	202	105	230	537						281	818	7137	6452	14407		
Westminster*†		David L. Zacharias, P.	15	18	31	111	88	896	19	21	789	1539	729	271	134	418	11	3102	2215	4872	10189	80	1470				3095	13284	33306	40042	92832		
Midland, First*†		R. Matthew Lynn, P.	24	25	49	157	94	1279	20	45	1067	5362	2432	935	712	1420	44	10906	7039	16284	34825	360	23272	450	2860	2720	20668	64493	92203	213324	370020		
		S. Evans Brown, Asso.P.																															
St. Andrews*†		Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., P.	14	16	23	65	47	345	9	28	385	424	202	75	15	116	3	835	614	1351	2806	80	872				254	1206	4006	19215	20863	44084	
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Council: Dick Yates, Chairman, First, Odessa, 1958; Robert Spencer, First, Clovis, 1957; Shelby Read, First, Big Spring, 1957; Ben E. Gillespie, 1957; W. M. Osburn, First, Midland, 1958; R. Gage Lloyd, 1958; Joe M. Brown, 1959; C. P. Owen, 1959; R. C. Douglas, First, Lubbock, 1959.

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Examinations: C. P. Owen, Chairman, 1959; D. Burke Kerr, 1957; W. B. Holmes, Jr., 1957; J. G. M. Ramsey, 1958; David M. H. Richmond, 1958; Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., 1959.

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Commission on the Minister and His Work: Collis S. McKinney, Convenor, 1957; Jerry Covington, St. Andrews, Midland, 1957; Ben E. Gillespie, Vice-Chairman, 1957; Tom B. Anderson, 1958; Larry Doyle, Westminster, Lubbock, 1958; Thomas Brewster, 1958; W. T. Curry, First, Seminole, 1959; Charles Black, Faith, El Paso, 1959; Jack W. Ware, 1959.

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Printed Minutes:—Chairman; D. Burke Kerr, 1957; Charles B. Brinkley, 1958.

Note: Terms expiring in 1957 as well as committee chairmen for 1958 were filled by the Convention of the Presbytery of the Southwest, meeting in Odessa, Texas, September 11, 1957. The Commissioners to the General Assembly for 1958 from the Presbytery of the Southwest were also elected at that meeting, and the listing of the names will be found in Volume I, Number 1, Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest, which will be printed after the January Meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

INSTALLATION OF GARY M. JONES

Odessa, Texas February 3, 1957

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of El Paso to Install Gary M. Jones as the associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas, was convened in the church parlor at 7:00 P. M. and was opened with prayer by J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr.

Ministers present were: J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., E. O. Harrell, J. F. Austin, and Joe M. Brown. Ruling Elders present were: Dick Yates, Don Williams, Bobby Clark, Norman Whisenand, Gene Hurt, J. S. Bell, J. R. Wright, Dyar Oakley, Dan Jahns, John Evans, Rufus Harris, Joe Ardis, Bayard McMahan, Alie Griffith, Raymond Stoker, Marian Adams, Ralph Maxfield, Nelson Rees and Burton C. Shelton, all these being members of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas.

A quorum being present, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr. was elected moderator and Burton C. Shelton was elected clerk of the Commission. The order of worship and the docket of business for the service was approved, and the Commission moved into the sanctuary for the worship service and the installation of Gary M. Jones.

Joe M. Brown conducted the worship service prior to the preaching of the sermon. E. O. Harrell preached the sermon, his subject being "Man's Attempt to Limit God," from the text, Acts 17:29. J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., propounded the Constitutional Questions to the minister and to the congregation. These were answered in the affirmative after which Gary M. Jones was declared duly installed as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas. The charge to the associate pastor was given by Joe M. Brown, and the charge to the congregation was given by J. F. Austin. The service was concluded with the benediction by Gary M. Jones.

Following the benediction the Commission reconvened and the Minutes were read and adopted. The Commission was dissolved with prayer by Joe M. Brown.

J. LEM TITTSWORTH, JR., Moderator
BURTON C. SHELTON, Clerk.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF TROY JARVIS

Lubbock, Texas August 18, 1957

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of El Paso to Ordain and Install Troy Jarvis as the minister of the Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, convened in the study of the church at 7:30 P. M. August 18, 1957. A quorum being present the meeting was opened with prayer by Collis S. McKinney, convenor. Ministers present were: Collis S. McKinney, Joe M. Brown, C. P. Owen, Richard H. Schmidt and David L. Zacharias. Ruling Elders present were: Willson Hobbs, C. R. Minor, Hugh Crowder, G. H. Sanders, Roy Cunningham and Kenneth Brown. The Commission elected Collis S. McKinney moderator and David L. Zacharias clerk.

The order of worship and business for the evening were approved and the Commission moved into the sanctuary. Richard H. Schmidt offered the Invocation and led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer. The evening prayer was offered by David L. Zacharias. Joe M. Brown read the Scripture and preached the sermon on the subject, "God's Call." The moderator propounded the Constitutional Questions for Ordination to Troy Jarvis. They were answered in the affirmative. The Licentiate was then Ordained by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery and prayer by C. P. Owen. The ordinant was then charged by the moderator.

Collis S. McKinney propounded the Constitutional Questions for Installation to Troy Jarvis and to the congregation. These being answered in the affirmative by Troy Jarvis and the congregation, the prayer of Installation was offered by the moderator. The moderator then declared that Troy Jarvis had been duly Ordained and Installed as the pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas. The benediction was then pronounced by the newly installed pastor, Troy Jarvis.

The Commission reconvened, after the benediction, in the study. The Minutes of the proceedings of the Commission were read and adopted. The Commission was dissolved with prayer by C. P. Owen.

COLLIS S. MCKINNEY, Moderator
DAVID L. ZACHARIAS, Clerk

STATED SUMMER MEETING

First Presbyterian Church Clovis, New Mexico

July 9, 1957

The Presbytery of El Paso convened in regular session in the First Presbyterian Church of Clovis, New Mexico, July 9, 1957, at 2:10 P. M. Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, Exell Coon. Presbytery was led in prayer by Exell Coon.

The roll was called and a quorum declared present. The following were enrolled:

MINISTERS: Homer C. Akers, J. F. Austin, Thomas Brewster, Joe M. Brown, Earl M. Clary, Exell Coon, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., Frank Crown, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., J. M. Gilbert, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., E. O. Harrell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Gary M. Jones, John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, R. Gage Lloyd, Flynn V. Long, Jr., R. Matthew Lynn, David T. Moore, Edward E. Mulliner, Collis S. McKinney, C. P. Owen, T. Henry Stafford, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Jack W. Ware, Donald C. Whiteside, David L. Zacharias and Licentiate, Troy Jarvis.

RULING ELDERS: Johnny Johansen, First, Big Spring; Dave St. Clair, First, Clovis, N. M.; W. M. Thompson, Manhattan, El Paso; J. Glen Bixler, University, El Paso; M. E. Fincher, First Fort Stockton; R. H. Hester, First, Levelland; W. D. Peveler, First, Lovington, N. M.; S. C. Wilson, First, Lubbock; Ed Griffin, John Knox, Lubbock; Jerry Sanders, Grace, Lubbock; Bob Blon, Westminster, Lubbock; Jack M. Hawkins, First, Midland; William S. Caldwell, St. Andrews, Midland; Joe Melton, Normandy Heights, Odessa; David Correll, First Pecos; A. E. Mallory, First, Portales, N. M.; H. Z. Collier, First, Ruidoso, N. M.; E. D. Calfee, First, Seagraves; and Joe Britton, First, Seminole.

J. R. Spencer, Ruling Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Clovis, N. M., and Director in the Chamber of Commerce of Clovis, was granted the privilege of the floor and welcomed Presbytery to Clovis.

R. Gage Lloyd introduced Sherwood H. Reisner of the Presbytery of Western Texas and President of the Pan-American School, Kingsville, Texas. He was invited to

sit as a visiting brother and given the privilege of the floor.

J. G. Welker, treasurer of the Fort Stockton Church was introduced. Other Ruling Elders present were introduced. They were: Jim Brock, Manhattan, El Paso; Malcolm Haynes, Manhattan, El Paso; Burnett Roberts, First, Levelland; L. E. Milling, Westminster, Lubbock and Tom Stallworth, First, Lubbock.

T. Henry Stafford was elected moderator by acclamation.

Presbytery then heard Exell Coon preach the retiring moderator's sermon, "The Word of the Cross" from the text, Colossians 1: 15-20.

The report of the Program and Docket Committee was presented and the Docket adopted as amended.

Dan F. Goodwin, Jr. was elected Temporary Clerk to serve in the absence of the Assistant Clerk.

Communications were read and referred as follows: The request of Gary M. Jones for Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the First Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas; to the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The request of T. Henry Stafford for permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery; to the Commission on the Minister and His Work. A Resolution on Speeding; to the Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions. An Overture from the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso; to the Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions.

A petition from Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock; to the Commission on the Minister and His Work. A Certificate of dismissal of a Candidate; to the Executive Committee of Christian Education. Requests for leave of absence from Tom B. Anderson, J. G. M. Ramsey, David M. H. Richmond and Charles B. Brinkley; to the Committee on Leave of Absence. A Revised Constitution and Minutes from the El Paso Presbyterian Council, U. S. and U. S. A.; to the Church Extension Committee. A letter from Stillman College; to the Committee on Assembly's Causes, and, The Tax Schedule from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly; to the Council.

The Minutes of the Commission appointed to install Gary M. Jones as Associate Pastor of the First Presby-

terian Church, Odessa, Texas, were read and ordered printed in the Minutes of Presbytery.

The moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Bills, Overtures and Resolutions: J. M. Gilbert, Jr., Chairman, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., W. S. Caldwell, Joe Melton, Johnny Johansen and J. Glen Bixler. Judicial Business: C. P. Owen, Chairman, Thomas Brewster, Jack M. Hawkins, Joe Britton, Ed Griffin and David Carroll. Leave of Absence: R. Matthew Lynn, Chairman, David T. Moore, S. C. Wilson, M. E. Fincher, R. H. Hester and Jerry Sanders.

The report of the Commissioners to the General Assembly was received as information and the Commissioners recommended for their diligence in attending the meetings of the General Assembly. Reporting were: Bob Blon, Joe Melton, David T. Moore, M. E. Fincher, John H. Justus and Homer C. Akers.

Presbytery recessed for twenty minutes and reconvened.

L. E. Milling presented the report of the Council which was received as information. The motion was then adopted to instruct the executive committee of the Council to meet to review the audits of the books of the treasurers of Presbytery, and to report back to this meeting of Presbytery.

Flynn V. Long, Jr. made the report of the Executive Committee of Christian education in verbal form. Reports of sub committees were also made through the chairmen as follows; Frank Crown reported for the Camping Committee, and J. F. Austin for the Committee on Leadership Education. The Division on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry and Christian Vocations was given a place on the docket later in the meeting in order that a report might be heard, and its recommendations considered.

Richard H. Schmidt of the Presbytery of Durant was introduced and the motion adopted to invite him to sit as a visiting brother, and to have the privilege of the floor. R. Matthew Lynn introduced Tom Stallworth, a Candidate serving in the First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas, as summer supply. John H. Justus introduced Jim Brock,

a Candidate serving the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas as summer supply, and Malcolm P. Haynes, who was to be examined later for reception as a Candidate for the Christian Ministry.

Following prayer by Thomas Brewster, Presbytery recessed for supper at 5:00 P. M. to reconvene at 8:00 P. M. for worship.

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 P. M. for worship and heard a message brought by Sherwood H. Reisner, President of the Pan American School, Kingsville, Texas. Presbytery adjourned with the benediction following the worship to meet at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday morning, July 10, 1957.

SECOND DAY

Presbytery was led in prayer by the moderator as the court convened at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday July 10, 1957. The worship was led by David St. Clair, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church, Clovis, New Mexico.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read and adopted as amended.

The Executive Committee of Christian Education continued its report with the Division on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry and Christian Vocations reporting through the chairman, Edward E. Mulliner. The report with its recommendations was adopted. It is as follows:

Division on Candidates for the Gospel Ministry and Christian Service.

The Division of Higher Education and Christian Vocations of the Executive Committee of Christian Education was charged at the Stated Meeting of Presbytery on May 8-9, 1957 with the future training of Troy Jarvis. He has diligently followed the study and reading prescribed through Dean James I. McCord of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and we commend him for following through on this assignment while carrying on his effective ministry at Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas.

We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That Jim Munro be received as a transfer from East Arkansas Presbytery and be placed under care of this Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

2. That Edward Kimball Milling, having been satisfactorily examined by your Candidate Division be received as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.
3. That Malcolm P. Haynes, having undergone a satisfactory examination by your Candidate Division be received as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

The certificate of dismissal for Jim Munro from the Presbytery of East Arkansas was reported in order by the Stated Clerk and Jim Munro was enrolled as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was introduced to the Presbytery.

The examination of Edward Kimball Milling and Malcolm P. Haynes was scheduled for a later hour.

The First Presbyterian Church of Seagraves presented the Sessional Records of that Church for examination by the Presbytery. The Committee on Review of Sessional records appointed at the last Stated Meeting of Presbytery, Frank Crown, Chairman, David L. Zacharias and L. E. Milling, was named to review the Sessional Records.

Collis S. McKinney reported for the Commission on the Minister and His Work. The report with its recommendations was adopted as amended.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work.

The Commission on the Minister and His Work makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Pastoral relationship of David T. Moore to the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas, be dissolved on August 31, 1957, that he may be dismissed to the Presbytery of Mid-Texas, in order that he may accept a Call to the First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Wells, Texas. This is in accordance with his own request and the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock has concurred with him in this request. Further, that a letter of commendation be written to that Presbytery in his behalf.
2. We recommend that the Pastoral relationship of J. M. Gilbert, Jr., to the First Presbyterian Church of Levelland, Texas be dissolved as of September 1, 1957 and that his membership in El Paso Presbytery be transferred to the Presbytery of Transylvania, Synod of Kentucky, in order

that he may accept a Call to the United Presbyterian Church of Harrodsburg, Kentucky. This is in accordance to his own request, and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Levelland, Texas has concurred with him in this request. Further, we recommend that a letter of commendation be written to that Presbytery in his behalf.

3. We recommend that T. Henry Stafford be given permission to labor outside the bounds of El Paso that he may study at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and that he be granted a leave of absence from his duties at the First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas. The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas concurs with him in his request, this leave of absence to be effective from September 1, 1957 through July 15, 1958.
4. We recommend that the Pastoral relationship of Edward E. Mulliner to the John Knox Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, be dissolved pending the concurrence of the congregation with his request. And that the date of dissolution be September 1, 1957, and that his membership in El Paso Presbytery be transferred to the Presbytery of Mid-Texas that he may accept a Call to the First Presbyterian Church, Cisco, Texas. Further, that a letter of commendation be written to that Presbytery in his behalf.
5. We recommend that the Call of the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery to Richard H. Schmidt to be an evangelist to assist the Presbytery in the organization of a new Presbyterian Church in Southwest Lubbock, Texas, be found in order and that he be examined on "Experimental Religion and touching his views in Theology, the Sacraments and Church Government," and if the way be clear, he be received into this Presbytery for this work. The terms of the Call are; \$4,200.00 a year and \$300.00 car allowance, a manse and the sum equivalent to 10% of the salary basis to be paid into the Ministers' Annuity Fund.
6. We recommend that the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery of El Paso be made an advisory member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. This is in accordance with a recommendation from the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work. Further, that the Standing Rules Article IV Section 1, be so amended, to include the Executive Secretary as an advisory member of the Commission on the Minister and His Work.

7. We recommend, according to the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Stockton, Texas, that its Call to Thomas Brewster be changed to read \$5,700.00 per year instead of \$4,800.00 per year, and that the Church be commended.
8. We report the information that the Community Church of Kermit, Texas changed the Call to Charles B. Brinkley to read \$6,600.00 per year instead of \$6,000.00
9. We recommend that the Pastoral relationship of Gary M. Jones to the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas be dissolved as of August 31, 1957 and that his membership in El Paso Presbytery be transferred to the Presbytery of Brazos that he may accept a Call to the First Presbyterian Church of Conroe, Texas. Further, that a letter of commendation be written to that Presbytery in his behalf.
10. We recommend, in compliance with the request of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas, that the Call of Dan F. Goodwin, Jr. be changed to read \$5,100.00 per year instead of \$4,800.00 per year, and that the Church be commended.
11. We recommend, in compliance with the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Clovis, New Mexico, that the Call to Exell Coon be changed to read \$5,720.00 per year instead of \$5,200.00 per year, and that the Church be commended.
12. The Commission on the Minister and His Work has received a request from the Grace Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas to El Paso Presbytery to Ordain and Install Troy Jarvis as its Pastor. The Church has this to say about his work: "Troy Jarvis has performed his duties as minister to this Church in a most commendable fashion and is highly deserving of ordination that he might perform 100 per cent of all a minister's duties in his wonderful work here." We have received this word from the Division of Higher Education and Christian Vocations of El Paso Presbytery's Executive Committee of Christian Education: "The Division can certainly renew its praise of the conduct of Troy Jarvis, his diligence in his reading and study program as outlined for him under the Division's direction, his educational program in the Grace Presbyterian Church, his evangelistic zeal, and his pastoral oversight of the Grace Presbyterian Church. Since we have been charged with respon-

sibility for the training of Troy Jarvis, we can say that in this we are well satisfied that he has done most commendably."

We recommend that the Call of Grace Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas be found in order and that a Commission be appointed for his Ordination and Installation. The terms of the Call: \$4,200.00 per year, \$600.00 car allowance and 7½ % of the salary to be paid into the Minister's Annuity Fund.

COLLIS S. MCKINNEY, Chairman.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Richard H. Schmidt. The certificate of dismissal from the Presbytery of Durant and a letter of commendation were presented by the Stated Clerk. Exell Coon, moderator, examined in Experimental Religion, C. P. Owen on views in Theology, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., on views in Church Government and D. Burke Kerr on views in the Sacraments. The examination was sustained as satisfactory in part and as a whole. The Presbytery Obligation was signed, and Presbytery recessed to extend the right hand of Christian Fellowship to Richard H. Schmidt.

Presbytery reconvened and the motion to place the Call of the Church Extension Committee to Richard H. Schmidt for his services adopted. The Call was amended to read: "assist the Presbytery in the organization" instead of "undertaking the organization of a new church in Lubbock." The amended Call was accepted. The questions for Installation were asked by the moderator and answered in the affirmative. C. P. Owen led Presbytery in prayer and Richard H. Schmidt was then declared duly installed as Evangelist.

The Call of the Grace Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas was found in order and extended to Troy Jarvis who indicated his willingness to accept the Call. The motion was adopted to appoint a Commission for his Ordination and Installation, and the following were appointed to that Commission: To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions, Collis S. McKinney; to preach the sermon, Joe M. Brown; to charge the congregation, Jerry Sanders; and to charge the minister, C. P. Owen. To complete the Commission, ministers: David L. Zacharias and Richard H. Schmidt, ruling Elders: L. E. Milling, and

the Session of the Grace Presbyterian Church, C. R. Minor, M. W. Hobbs, Hugh Crowder, Kenneth Brown and Roy Cunningham. The date and time were set: August 18, 1957, 8:00 P. M. in the Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas. The quorum was set to be three ministers and one ruling elder.

Robert Kimball Milling and Malcolm P. Haynes presented themselves before Presbytery seeking to be examined in order that they might become Candidates for the Gospel Ministry. The moderator examined both men in Experimental Religion and their motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. David L. Zacharias spoke in behalf of Robert Kimball Milling. The required questions were asked by the moderator and answered in the affirmative by both men. The charge to the Candidates was delivered by the pastor of Malcolm P. Haynes, John H. Justus. The moderator led Presbytery in prayer for the Candidates and Robert Kimball Milling and Malcolm P. Haynes were enrolled as Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of The Presbytery of El Paso.

Presbytery recessed to extend the right hand of fellowship to the Candidates and reconvened.

The Executive Committee of Christian Education's report being completed, it was approved and the Division of Higher Education and Christian Vocation's report adopted as a whole.

R. Gage Lloyd reported for the Council of Presbytery concerning the audits of the Books of the Treasurers of Presbytery. The report was adopted as follows:

The Council of the Presbytery of El Paso.

The Council of the Presbytery of El Paso makes the following report: We recommend:

1. That the audit of the Executive Committee of Christian Education be approved.
2. That the audit of the Stated Clerk which was examined by the Secretary of the Council be approved.
3. That the audits of the Council and of the Church Extension Committee which were placed in the hands of the sub-committee chairman on audits, be approved as satisfactory.

The treasurer's reports are printed below.

EL PASO PRESBYTERY

Earl M. Clary, Stated Clerk

Statement of Income and Expense

January 1, 1956 through February 7, 1957

Bank Balance January 1, 1956	\$1,533.80	
Receipts (Schedule A)	2,674.51	
Total Available		\$4,208.31
Disbursements (Schedule B)		4,208.31
Bank Balance February 7, 1957		NONE

Schedule A—Receipts

First Presbyterian Church, Crane, Texas	31.77
First Presbyterian Church, Seagraves, Texas	42.97
First Presbyterian Church, Andrews, Texas	35.65
Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas	289.24
First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas	366.42
First Presbyterian Church, Crosbyton, Texas	1.86
Trinity Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas	53.63
First Presbyterian Church, Colorado City, Texas	47.12
Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas	27.59
First Presbyterian Church, Levelland, Texas	55.18
Normandy Heights Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas	66.96
First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, Texas	177.63
First Presbyterian Church, Portales, New Mexico	63.86
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, Texas	39.37
Faith Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas	21.08
First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas	33.87
First Presbyterian Church, Seminole, Texas	57.97
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas	81.94
First Presbyterian Church, Pecos, Texas	35.34
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Stockton, Texas	81.53
First Presbyterian Church, Clovis, New Mexico	115.94
First Presbyterian Church, Lovington, New Mexico	39.99
First Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas	226.92
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas	229.09
University Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas	36.58
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas	95.48
First Presbyterian Church, Van Horn, Texas	19.53
Total	\$2,674.51

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Schedule B—Expense

E. C. Scott, Treas., General Assembly Assessments	\$2,648.32
Postmaster, Stamps and Postage	36.68
Lin D. Crossman, Jr., Ass't Clerk's Salary	30.00
Maniss Printing Co., Office Supplies and Printing	17.60
Merchant's Freight Lines, Freight on Minutes	7.15
Earl Clary, Salary	300.00
Cowan Printing Co., Printing Minutes	768.00
E. A. Dean, Treas., Synod's Tax	215.18
Foote and Davis, Inc., Statistical Reports	20.18
Roy Davis Coles, Audit	5.00
Presbyterian Book Store, Annual Report Forms	12.05
C. C. Printing Co., Wrapping Supplies	7.34
First Presbyterian Church,	
Colorado City, Texas, Telephone, L. D.	15.75
L. E. Milling, Treas., to Transfer Account	125.06
Total	\$4,208.31

ROY DAVID COLES
Public Accountant
Colorado City, Texas

Committee on Christian Education
El Paso Presbytery
Odessa, Texas.
Gentlemen:

As requested by your Treasurer, Mr. Jack Vincent, we have made an examination of your records for the calendar year ended December 31, 1956.

A complete audit was not made, since such procedure did not seem necessary. The extent of our examination was, in our opinion, sufficient to determine the accuracy of your records and to verify that all receipts were properly accounted for and all disbursements authorized.

Your records for the year examined were accurately kept in conformity with sound accounting principles and consistent with the method used in prior years.

We present as our report this letter and the attached Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

We appreciate the privilege of serving you in this matter.

Yours very truly,
CHARLES CHILDERS.

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
PRESBYTERY OF EL PASOSTATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

Cash in First National Bank—
Odessa Texas—Jan. 1, 1956 \$6,041.37

CASH RECEIPTS

Central Treasurer \$14,028.92
Loan from First National Bank—Odessa, Texas 750.00

Total Cash Receipts \$14,778.92

Total Cash Accountability \$20,820.29

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Director of Religious Education
Salary \$4,125.00
Less Income Tax
Withheld 390.50 \$3,734.50

Annuity 475.82
Travel 1,188.38
Office Expense 536.42 \$5,935.12

Car Expense
Insurance and License \$ 116.39
Repairs and Tires 115.05 \$ 231.44

Presbytery Organizations
Men of the Church \$ 450.00
Senior Youth Fellowship 676.00
Pioneers 5.10 \$1,131.10

Christian Education Committee 572.16
Moving Expense for Director 376.47
Gift to Director 800.00 \$1,176.47
Camp Expense 3,000.00

Office Equipment 128.30
Visual Aids 15.28
Literature 52.73
Leadership Institutes 276.90

Purchase of New Automobile	3,650.00
Closing Costs and Down Payment on Manse	3,759.90
Monthly Payments on Manse—8 @ \$85.04	680.32
Landscaping and Maintenance—Manse	141.02
Total Cash Disbursements	\$20,750.74
Cash in First National Bank	
Odessa, Texas—December 31, 1956	\$ 69.55

PRESBYTERY OF EL PASO COUNCIL

Lubbock, Texas

December 31, 1956

Mr. Shelby Read, Chairman
 Budget Committee
 El Paso Presbytery Council
 Big Spring, Texas
 Dear Mr. Read:

Pursuant to your request, I have examined the accounting records of El Paso Presbytery Council for the calendar year ended December 31, 1956. The examination was made of the books without independent verification. The bank statements and cancelled checks were checked in detail. The records were found to be in accord with the bank statements.

In my opinion, subject to the qualification contained herein, the records of the El Paso Presbytery Council for the calendar year 1956 are in order.

Very truly yours,
 MRS. R. G. REKERS.

EL PASO PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Lubbock, Texas

FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Calendar Year 1956

Fund Balance 1/1/56	\$ 213.15
Receipts	915.71
Total Funds Available	\$ 1,128.86

Less:	
Disbursements	\$ 809.37
Funds Available 12/31/56	\$ 319.49

CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE
PRESBYTERY OF EL PASO

Lubbock, Texas

December 31, 1956

Mr. R. C. Blon, Chairman
 Finance Committee
 El Paso Presbytery Church Extension Committee
 Lubbock, Texas
 Dear Mr. Blon:

Pursuant to your instructions, I have examined the accounting records of the Church Extension Committee of El Paso Presbytery for the calendar year ended December 31, 1956. Upon the request of Mr. L. E. Milling, the out of town accounts pertaining to the Loan Fund, were not verified. Therefore, the examination was limited to the records as kept in a set of accounting books.

Transactions with the Citizens National Bank were examined in detail and the records were found to be in accord with the bank statements.

The Car Depreciation Fund, amounting to \$640.77, is deposited with the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Lubbock, Texas.

The Andrews Manse Fund, deposited with the Lubbock Savings and Loan Association, Lubbock, Texas has been closed out.

I wish to commend Mrs. Emmett Hazlewood for the excellent way in which the records have been kept.

Very truly yours,
 Mrs. R. G. REKERS

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

Balance per Bank Statements	\$ 5,070.26
Less:	
Outstanding Checks	
# 582 Faith Presbyterian Church, El Paso	\$ 300.00
# 590 St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa	350.00

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# 596 Board of Annuities and Relief	353.35	
# 600 Director of Internal Revenue	151.40	1,154.75
Balance per Books		\$ 3,915.51

FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Fund	Balances 1-1-56	Receipts	Disbursements	Balances 12-31-56
General	\$ 676.21	\$51,096.55	\$48,765.59	\$ 3,007.17
New Work	3,485.00	6,167.71	9,652.71	- 0 -
Loan Fund	3,652.25	4,612.86	7,356.77	908.34
Totals	\$ 7,813.46	\$61,877.12	\$65,775.07	\$ 3,915.51
Car Depreciation Fund—First Federal Savings and Loan Association				\$ 640.77

GENERAL FUND
Calendar Year 1956

Fund Balance 1/1/56				\$ 676.21
Receipts				
E. A. Dean—Central Treasurer, Austin, Texas			\$42,566.71	
Hospitalization Insurance			486.30	
Miscellaneous				
Reimbursement for Negro Fund	\$ 2,343.78			
Radio and Evangelism	15.00			
T. F. C.	5,225.26			
Auto Expense	459.50		8,043.54	51,096.55
Total Funds Available				\$51,772.76
Disbursements				
Sustentation	\$29,700.92			
Radio and Evangelism	100.00			
Hospitalization	1,208.90			

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Contingencies	305.30	
Grants	10,000.00	
Office Expense	590.34	
Auto Expense	1,352.27	
Car Depreciation	500.00	
Y. M. C. A.	469.92	
Committee Expense	418.03	
Board of Annuities and Relief	353.35	\$44,999.03

Transfers to Other Funds

To New Work Fund for payment on Judah Property	\$ 2,766.56		
To Loan Fund	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,766.56	\$48,765.59
Fund Balance 12/31/56			\$ 3,007.17

GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS TO SUSTENTATION

Calendar Year 1956

Andrews	\$ 3,120.00
Barstow	525.00
Crane	920.00
Grace	575.00
Lovington	1,260.00
Normandy Heights	225.00
Lubbock, John Knox	3,000.00
Ruidoso	1,920.00
Seagraves	600.00
Big Spring, St. Paul	2,271.00
El Paso, Faith	3,600.00
El Paso, Trinity	2,280.00
El Paso, University	2,400.00
Odessa, St. Paul	1,225.00
Secretary's Salary	4,699.92
Secretary's Rent Allowance	1,080.00
Total Sustentation	\$29,700.92

NEW WORK FUND

Calendar Year 1956

Fund Balance 1/1/56		\$ 3,485.00
Receipts		
Faith Presbyterian Church	\$ 308.00	
Sale of Odessa Lots	3,093.15	\$ 6,167.71
Total Funds Available		\$ 9,652.71
Less:		
Disbursements		
Faith Presbyterian Church	\$ 3,793.00	
Payment on Judah Property	2,766.56	
Payment for Odessa Lots	3,093.15	9,652.71
Fund Balance 12/31/56		\$ - 0 -

LOAN FUND

Calendar Year 1956

Fund Balance 1/1/56		\$ 3,652.25
Receipts		
Principal Payments Received		
Portales	\$ 379.25	
St. Paul, Big Springs	500.00	
Levelland	437.86	1,317.11
Interest Payments Received		
Portales	\$ 270.75	
St. Paul, Big Spring	225.00	495.75
Miscellaneous		
Repayment for Negro Work	\$ 1,000.00	
Debt Retirement (St. Paul, \$20,000 note)	800.00	
Transfer from General Fund	1,000.00	2,800.00
Total Funds Available		\$ 8,265.11
Less:		
Disbursements		
Odessa Manse	\$ 2,316.77	
St. Paul General Assembly Note	2,880.00	
Interest to Haden Hester	80.00	
Interest to Retha Martin	80.00	

Repayment of Loan to Haden Hester	1,000.00	
Repayment of Loan to Retha Martin	1,000.00	7,356.77
Fund Balance 12/31/56		\$ 908.34

CAR DEPRECIATION FUND

Calendar Year 1956

Fund Balance 1/1/56		\$1,071.10
Receipts		
Earnings on Deposit		29.17
Total Funds Available		\$1,100.27
Less		
Disbursements		
Payment on purchase of new car		459.50
Fund Balance 12/31/56 (In First Federal Savings and Loan Association)		\$ 640.77

Flynn V. Long, Jr. read the following resolution which was adopted and the Stated Clerk instructed to send a copy to each minister and Session of the Presbytery in compliance with section 4. of the resolution.

Whereas numerous incidents relative to the extension of pastoral calls, to applications for candidacy for the ministry, and to requests for ordination or licensure have occurred on the floor of Presbytery in recent days, and

Whereas the confusion of procedure in these matters has frequently caused embarrassment to local congregations, to individual Presbyters, to various sincere individuals, and to the Presbytery as a whole, and

Whereas the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. is in most respects quite clear in its outline of the procedure in these matters, and

Whereas this court is under obligation to follow the procedures set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.,

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Presbytery call the attention of all churches to the fact

that in accordance with Paragraph 96 of the Book of Church Order a Call to a minister is not in order unless the Committee on the Minister and His Work has met with the pulpit committee of that church and jointly prepared a list of acceptable ministers prior to investigation or action by the congregation.

2. That the procedure to be followed by men who seek to enter the Gospel Ministry is for the candidate to apply himself to the Presbytery for reception as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.
3. That the prerogative of deciding upon a candidate's suitability for ordination or licensure as well as licensing and ordaining him belongs exclusively to the Presbytery, and is not a proper subject for petition from a congregation or Session, or pulpit committee.
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each minister and each Session in the Presbytery with instructions that it be read to the Session.

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes and reconvened at 11:15 A.M. for the special order of the day. Sherwood H. Reisner preached his second sermon to the Presbytery on the subject "Make Yourself Friends" from the text Luke 16: 1-13. Presbytery recessed for lunch following the closing prayer of the worship service.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M. with prayer led by E. O. Harrell.

David L. Zacharias, chairman, presented the report of the Church Extension Committee. It was considered seriatim, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

As this is the last meeting of the Presbytery of El Paso before being united with churches of the Presbyteries of Dallas and Mid-Texas to form the Presbytery of the Southwest, it seems proper that we should submit for the records the status of our churches in the Presbytery of El Paso. As of this date, July 10, 1957, there are ten active Home Mission Churches within the Presbytery, all of which are supplied with ministers. Five of these churches have been organized within the past five years and a sixth church is now in the process of organization with a pastor on the field. We are thankful to be able to report that most of our churches are growing toward

self-support and that eight churches have become self-supporting since 1950. Two of these churches, both in Midland, were organized as self-supporting churches.

Even though we are organizing one new church each year, which has been our goal for sometime, we are not keeping pace with the growth of our urban communities. There is a continued pressure upon the Church Extension Committee for the organization of new churches. It is hoped that our goal will be a minimum of two new church organizations a year in the Presbytery of the Southwest. Our problem is to find sufficient funds for the proper undergirding of churches as they are organized. We believe that we must be financially able to assure a new congregation of aid from the Church Extension Committee of a minimum of \$20,000.00 plus helping secure grant and loan money from the General Assembly's Church Extension Committee. We believe that in communities where there are more than one Presbyterian Church some form of a Presbyterian Council should be organized with equal representation from the churches, and that one function of this organization would be to help secure local funds to finance new work in addition to that which the Church Extension Committee will do. Only as local financial assistance is forthcoming can we possibly hope to keep pace with the growth of our communities. If we are able to purchase adequate church sites, some years before they are needed in the more rapidly growing urban communities, a sizeable saving can be made. There are now at least six locations where it would be wise to purchase sites if money were available.

At the present time there are two undeveloped church sites held by the Presbytery. These are at Lorenzo and Morton. They are too small for present day church buildings and there is not now, or appears to be in the future, a need for a Presbyterian Church in these towns.

Richard H. Schmidt has accepted a Call from the Church Extension Committee as an evangelist to assist Presbytery in the organization of the fifth Presbyterian Church U. S. in Lubbock in the southwest part of that city. Richard H. Schmidt began his labors on July 1st of this year and is to be received into the Presbytery at this meeting. The Church Extension Committee has secured the remaining half of the block of the Salem and 47th Street property for the church site at a cost of \$10,050.00 and has made the initial down payment on it. They have also made the down payment on a lovely three bedroom manse not too far from the site. This summer Richard H. Schmidt is surveying the area and he is expected

to preach one or more times in each local Presbyterian Church so that he will become known to the members of all our churches. A representative committee from the Lubbock churches is now working on plans to secure local funds toward payment on both the lot and the manse.

This Presbytery is unique in that no minister is serving in more than one field and that at the present time we have only one active church without a minister. There are now thirty-one active churches in the Presbytery which are served by thirty-three ministers.

The growth of our total communicants within recent years, while not phenomenal, is certainly encouraging as our membership in the Presbytery has increased from 5,299 in 1950 to 9,231 as of December 31, 1956. A recent study of our membership growth from 1945 to 1955 as compared with the total population increase indicated that on a percentage basis our church membership is not growing as rapidly as the population grows in our larger cities with the single exception of Midland. Last spring, with the aid of Albert E. Dimmock, Assembly's Secretary of Evangelism, four very enjoyable and helpful Evangelism Institutes were conducted in Lubbock, Odessa, Midland and El Paso. The support of this program was very encouraging with a total attendance of more than 500. Lin D. Crossman, Jr. is now chairman of our sub-committee on Evangelism.

The Presbytery should note that, even with the growing inflation of recent years, our increase in benevolent giving has not kept pace with the increase in membership. While membership of the Presbytery has increased 74 % since 1950, our benevolent giving has increased only 63 %. In fact the per capita giving for benevolences has decreased from \$24.10 in 1950 to \$23.84 in 1956. To date this year your Church Extension Committee has received from T. F. C. funds a total of \$4,644.06. This money was added to the funds received from regular benevolences and set aside for grant funds. So far this year we have granted a total of \$15,812.96 to churches in our Presbytery. These grants were distributed among the following churches: Grace, Lubbock; St. Paul, Odessa; University and Faith, El Paso; First, Coahoma and New Work, Lubbock.

The building of new church plants in the Presbytery is continuing at a good rate. The Andrews and Faith Churches have completed the first units of their building programs since the first of the year. We have good hopes that the St. Paul Church of Odessa will begin their first unit in the immediate future. The First Church of Odessa is giving substantial assistance to this build-

ing program. Several of our older churches have added much needed educational units within recent months and two or more major building programs are now underway. The Presbytery of El Paso may well be proud of its legacy to the Presbytery of the Southwest.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Presbytery authorize the Trustees of the Presbytery to sign all necessary papers to purchase a home at 4510 48th Street, Lubbock, Texas for a manse for the new church in Lubbock. This lot is described as "Lot 27, Gordon Heights Addition" City of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas.
2. That Presbytery authorize the Trustees of the Presbytery to sign all necessary papers for the purchase of the west half of the block between 47th and 48th Streets and between Salem and Toledo Streets of Lubbock, Texas, to complete the site for the new church. This property is described as: That tract of land out of the southeast one fourth (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 18 (18), Block B., Lubbock, County, Texas, described by mets and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point 1662.5 feet south and 1644 feet west of the Northeast (NE) corner of said Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 18, Block B, Lubbock, County, Texas: THENCE West 366 feet; THENCE South 285 feet; thence East 366 feet; thence North 285 feet to the place of the beginning. Subject to the dedication of the West 25 feet of said tract and of the South 25 feet of the said tract to the public for use as a public right-of-way.
3. That the Trustees of the Presbytery of El Paso, Presbyterian Church, U. S., be, and they are hereby authorized to negotiate a sale of the following described properties located in Odessa, Ector County, Texas, to wit:
Lot 7, Block 63, Crescent Park Addition, 3rd Filing, an addition to the City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas; and,
Lot 22, Block 80 Crescent Park Addition, 4th Filing, an addition to the City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas,
Be it further resolved: That the Trustees of the Presbytery of El Paso Presbyterian Church, U. S., be, and they are hereby authorized to take and deliver title to said properties upon such terms and conditions as to them may seem proper, to execute warranty deed and such other and necessary instruments to effectuate the transactions.
4. That the Presbytery dissolve the Presbyterian Church of

Grandfalls, Texas as of January 1, 1958 with the understanding that the members of the church should transfer their membership to the church of their choice between now and January 1, 1958 and that those not taking this step be transferred to the First Presbyterian Church of Crane, Texas.

5. That Presbytery authorize the Trustees of Presbytery to sign all necessary papers for the sale of the church site in Lorenzo, Texas at terms approved by the Church Extension Committee and that all funds received from this sale be deposited with the Presbytery Loan Fund as a part of the Crosbyton deposit. These lots are recorded as: Lots 1 and 2 Block 8, in the town of Lorenzo, recorded in Volume 35, at page 447 Deed Records of Crosby County, Texas.
6. That the minutes of April 19, 1957 submitted by the Presbyterian Council of El Paso be approved along with the revised constitution and by laws of the Presbyterian Council of El Paso, U. S. and U. S. A., and that a copy of this constitution be kept in the files of our Stated Clerk.

Donald C. Whiteside, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the Committee on Assembly's Causes. It was received as information.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented by R. Matthew Lynn, chairman. The report was adopted and there being no further nominations, the motion was adopted to elect the following men to the committees and classes as stated:

Your Committee on Nominations would submit the following nominations:

We place in nomination for membership on the Council of Presbytery C. P. Owen, class of 1959 to fill the unexpired term of J. M. Gilbert, Jr., resigned.

We place in nomination for membership on the Executive Committee of Christian Education: For the class of 1957, Mrs. M. J. Crozier, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, to fill the unexpired term of Edward E. Mulliner, resigned. For the class of 1958, E. O. Harrell, to fill the unexpired term of T. Henry Stafford, resigned. In the class of 1959, Richard H. Schmidt to fill the unexpired term of Gary M. Jones, resigned.

R. MATTHEW LYNN, Chairman

David T. Moore, chairman, presented the following report of the Committee on Printed Minutes. It was adopted.

Your Committee on Printed Minutes has studied the Winter Minutes, Vol. 52, No. 1, of the Presbytery of El Paso and have found them to be in good order.

We commend the Stated Clerk and his assistants for the excellent way in which the minutes have been presented in their printed form.

DAVID T. MOORE, Chairman

The Committee on Judicial Business had no report.

The Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions reported through the chairman, J. M. Gilbert, Jr. The report and its recommendations were adopted in part and as a whole. It is as follows:

The Standing Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions met in the First Presbyterian Church, Clovis, New Mexico, 5:00 P. M., July 9, 1957. The following actions were taken: A Resolution from the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, and an Overture from the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso were considered. They are as follows:

RESOLUTION

- A. WHEREAS, National publicity affirms that speeding and carelessness are the primary causes of most automobile accidents and that speeding is the main cause for fatalities, and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that flagrant violations, with speeds greatly in excess of the legal limits, have occurred during the transportation of our youth to and from church sponsored camps, and

WHEREAS, Safety conscious parents are endeavoring by precept and example to improve the driving techniques of their children, and

WHEREAS, our schools are endeavoring through driver training to install safe driving skill and respect for the law, and

WHEREAS, The church and those who lead our youth should set good examples for our children to follow, therefore be it
RESOLVED, That those entrusted with the transportation of persons, especially our youth, to and from church related conferences and activities pledge themselves to use the utmost

care and caution at all times, including adherence to the legal speed limits, and be it further

RESOLVED, That sufficient copies of this resolution be made available so that each person so entrusted will receive a copy of this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF JULY, 1957, BY THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

H. F. YANT, CLERK.

B.

The Session of the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas respectfully overtures the Presbytery of El Paso to overture the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. to take the necessary action to make available an edition of the Confession of Faith, written in current language sufficiently simple as to be intelligible to those having only a high school education.

The Book of Church Order, Paragraph 345, states "The Bible, together with the Catechisms, shall be the chief textbooks of the Church School . . ."

So long as the Confession of Faith is available only in scholarly words of the seventeenth century, it is self deception to require any part of it such as the catechisms, to be used fruitfully among the laity of the church.

JOHN H. JUSTUS, Moderator.

ARTHUR W. BROOKS, Clerk.

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That the resolution from the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas concerning drivers transporting youth to camps etc., be wholeheartedly endorsed and that this resolution be passed on the camping sub-committee of the Executive Committee of Christian Education for action.
2. That the overture from the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas be answered in the negative in view of the fact that the Westminster Confession of Faith is the historic creedal statement of the Presbyterian Churches. The Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions feels that it is unwise that the creed be rewritten at this time and the Session of the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso secure from the Board of Christian Education suitable material to help interpret the confession to their people.

3. That the following resolution be read before the congregation of the host Church during the lunch hour. Be it resolved that the Presbytery of El Paso meeting in Clovis, New Mexico, July 9, 1957 for the last stated meeting of its existence express to the Session and the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Clovis, New Mexico its appreciation for the Christian hospitality extended during the meeting. We have enjoyed the use of your beautiful church with its helpful facilities and have appreciated the cokes and coffee provided. We would like to thank especially the ladies of the church for the delicious supper of which we have just partaken, and would like to express our indebtedness by a rising vote of thanks. We would record our gratitude to President Sherwood H. Reisner for his two splendid Stewardship addresses. We have enjoyed the lovely floral arrangements and would like to express appreciation for the secretarial help provided in the registration of Presbytery.

J. M. GILBERT, JR., Chairman

J. M. Gilbert, Jr. was given the privilege of expressing his gratitude for the cooperation of Presbytery and the spirit of the court while he had been a member of Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence reported through the chairman, R. Matthew Lynn. The report with its recommendations was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Your committee on Leave of Absence respectfully recommends:

1. That the request of the following individual ministers for excuse from attendance be granted: Charles B. Brinkley, David M. H. Richmond, Tom B. Anderson and J. G. M. Ramsey.
2. That the request of the following churches for excuse of their Ruling Elder representative from attendance be granted: First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, and the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Midland.
3. That the request for permission to depart early from this session be granted: Bob Blon, whose alternate, L. E. Milling was registered, Flynn V. Long, Jr., Gary M. Jones, J. F. Austin and Joe M. Brown.

Your committee would call to your attention that no minister of the Presbytery is absent without excuse.

We would further call to your attention that the following churches are without representation or excuse at this session: Andrews, Andrews; Barstow, First; Colorado City, First; Crane, First; El Paso, Faith; El Paso, Trinity; Grandfalls, Union; Odessa, First; Odessa, St. Paul; Tahoka, First; and Van Horn, First.

R. MATTHEW LYNN, Chairman

The ad-interim Committee to Study the Time of the Meeting of Presbytery reported through the chairman David L. Zacharias. The report was adopted, the committee commended and dismissed. The report follows:

REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE TIME OF THE MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

At the 1956 Fall Meeting of the Presbytery of El Paso, the moderator, A. A. Porter appointed an Ad Interim Committee to Study the Time of Presbytery. At the next stated meeting of Presbytery this committee recommended in view of the re-organization of the presbyteries of synod, and the subsequent dissolving of the Presbytery of El Paso, that it would be wiser for the Committee on Standing Rules and Manual of Operation of Presbytery number 1 to fulfill this task, a substitute motion that this Ad Interim Committee be continued and make a detailed report at the next meeting of Presbytery prevailed.

Your committee has made such a study, and while the Presbytery of El Paso can in no way bind the Presbytery of the Southwest, unless the recommendations of this report, which are adopted by the Presbytery of El Paso, are turned over to the Committee on Standing Rules and Manual of Operation of the Presbytery of the Southwest with the recommendation that they be considered for their Standing Rules and Manual of Operation the study and labor of this Ad Interim Committee has been in vain. T. Henry Stafford, chairman of a committee studying this question requested and was furnished the preliminary findings of this study.

In considering the area of the study on the time of Presbytery your committee concerned itself not only with the time of meetings and starting times, but also how the time at Presbytery could best be used, and other related matters.

Questionnaires were mailed out to one minister and the Clerk of the Session of each active church in the Presbytery. A total of 37

replies, representing 29 churches were received. On some questions there was almost complete agreement in the replies, while others brought forth a multitude of answers. For example the replies overwhelmingly favored two stated meetings a year; while on the question, "Is there enough fellowship and time for fellowship at Presbytery?" the answers were quite divided: "Yes;" "No;" and "Too much now." The conclusions and recommendations which we present were based primarily on the study and tabulation of the answers from the questionnaire.

Your Ad Interim Committee on the Time of Presbytery, as a result of its study, makes the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery have two stated meetings a year, and that the time of these meetings be the third week in January and the second week in July.
2. That the starting time for the stated meetings be 2:00 P. M.
3. That Presbytery consider meeting one time in July on Friday and Saturday to learn if such a time might be practical in the future for the meetings of Presbytery.
4. That Presbytery invite an outstanding inspirational speaker for one meeting of Presbytery annually.
5. That Presbytery nominate at one stated meeting the moderator for the next stated meeting of Presbytery.
6. That the docket of Presbytery be mailed to pastors and churches in advance.
7. That the Executive Committee reports be mailed to pastors and churches in advance, and that only the recommendations of these reports be considered at the meetings of Presbytery.
8. That no business be docketed for the Tuesday evening session of Presbytery.
9. That the moderator nominee, host pastor, and stated clerk, along with the Program Committee of the Council, plan the program and docket of Presbytery.
10. That the office of Parliamentarian be eliminated and that the stated clerk fulfill this responsibility.
11. That permission to leave early from Presbytery be granted only in extreme emergencies and the scheduled local church meetings and distance to travel should normally not be considered "extreme emergencies."

12. That Presbytery plan an annual ministers' retreat to provide instruction, inspiration and fellowship; that local churches be asked to underwrite their ministers' expense to this retreat; and that the Church Extension Committee or one of the other Executive Committees of Presbytery be assigned the responsibility of planning such a retreat.

13. That the recommendations of this report which are adopted be given to the Committee on Standing Rules and Manual of Operation of the Presbytery of the Southwest, and that they be asked to give serious consideration to such recommendations in the preparing of the Standing Rules and Manual of Operation for the Presbytery of the Southwest.

DAVID L. ZACHARIAS, Chairman

HOMER C. AKERS

EDWARD E. MULLINER.

Presbytery called for a report from the Ad Interim Committee to Investigate a Permanent Camp Site for the Presbytery. As the committee had no report, the motion to dismiss the committee carried. The motion prevailed to refer the question of a Camp Site to the Convention of Presbytery Number 1, to become the Presbytery of the Southwest, for their consideration.

R. Matthew Lynn presented an oral report on the progress of the Together For Christ campaign which was received as information.

R. Gage Lloyd presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Whereas, the Synod of Texas of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, in session May 21, 22 and 23, 1957, in the First Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas approved the following recommendations of its General Council (see minutes of 102nd Session):

1. That the Presbytery of El Paso be dissolved on December 31, 1957. (See recommendation 14, Vol. XI, 1957 No. 2, page 178, Minutes of the Synod of Texas.
2. That Presbytery No. 1 be constituted on January 1, 1958, comprised of churches and ministers associated with churches in the following counties:
In Texas—

Andrews	Gaines	Motley
Armstrong	Garza	Ochiltree
Bailey	Glasscock	Oldham
Borden	Gray	Parmer
Brewster	Hale	Pecos
Briscoe	Hall	Potter
Carson	Hansford	Presidio
Castro	Hartley	Randall
Childress	Hemphill	Reagan
Cochran	Hockley	Reeves
Collingsworth	Howard	Roberts
Coke	Hudspeth	Runnels
Concho	Hutchinson	Schleicher
Cottle	Irion	Scurry
Crane	Jeff Davis	Sherman
Crockett	Kent	Sterling
Crosby	King	Stonewall
Culbertson	Lamb	Sutton
Dallam	Lipscomb	Swisher
Dawson	Loving	Terrell
Deaf Smith	Lubbock	Terry
Dickens	Lynn	Tom Green
Donley	Martin	Upton
Ector	Menard	Ward
El Paso	Midland	Wheeler
Fisher	Mitchell	Winkler
Floyd	Moore	Yoakum

In New Mexico

Curry	DeBaca	Lea
Lincoln		

(Recommendation No. 15, page 178.-

3. That the existing Presbytery of El Paso be instructed to make necessary provisions for the legal transfer to the new Presbytery No. 1 of all real property, special funds, assets, mortgages, indebtednesses, and liabilities of committees and agencies as of December 31, 1957 in conformity with the following policies: a. Legal documents of transfer, effective January 1, 1958 to be executed and approved by the Presbytery of El Paso prior to December 31, 1957. b. Cash and movable assets and liabilities of the Presbytery of El Paso to be assigned to Presbytery No. 1. c. All other real property, mortgages, fixed assets and accompanying liabilities of the

Presbytery of El Paso to be assigned to the Presbytery No. 1. (See recommendation No. 18, page 181.)

4. That the legal successor to the dissolved Presbytery of El Paso be Presbytery No. 1. (See recommendation No. 19, page 181.)

And whereas, in convention, duly called and constituted, the proposed Presbytery No. 1 on January 15, 1957, meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Midland, and in adjourned session on the same day in the Westminster Church, Midland, adopted as its name The Presbytery of the Southwest,

Be it resolved that: 1. The Presbytery of El Paso in session July 9, 10, 1957, in the First Presbyterian Church, Clovis, New Mexico, County of Curry, hereby and herewith authorizes and empowers its trustees to execute all necessary papers, incident to the transferral of all real property, special funds, assets, mortgages, indebtedness and liabilities of its committees and agencies as of December 31, 1957, to the Presbytery of the Southwest, making said legal documents effective January 1, 1958.

2. Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee Chairmen and Treasurers and the Treasurers of all other funds of the Presbytery of El Paso be authorized and instructed to transfer all assets and liabilities to the corresponding Executive Committees and Officers of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

3. Be it further resolved that the Stated Clerk of The Presbytery of El Paso be authorized and instructed to place in the hands of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Southwest all historical and legal papers, documents, and records.

Frank Crown reported for the Committee to Examine Sessional Records. The report was adopted as follows:

The Continued Committee on Review of Sessional Records makes the following report:

The Sessional Records of the First Presbyterian Church of Seagraves, Texas were examined and approved with the following exceptions: 1. No record of representatives of Session to Church Courts giving report (January 9 ff). 2. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Townsend were not restored to the active roll of the church before trans-

- fer to the Andrews Presbyterian Church, (October 22, August 26).
3. Specific elder must be elected to the Church Courts, (July 1).
4. No Record that the church financial records were audited.

FRANK CROWN, Chairman

The Stated Clerk, Earl M. Clary, reported that the amended report to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. was printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery of El Paso, Vol. 52, No. 1.

The following statement was read and ordered printed in the Minutes.

On January 1, 1958, when the Presbytery of El Paso officially becomes a part of the larger Presbytery of the Southwest, the Presbytery of El Paso will have had an existence of 52 years and 24 days. The Presbytery was organized December 7, 1905.

W. K. Johnston, who was a member of the Presbytery at its organization is still a member at its dissolution. Elder Smylie C. Wilson was one of the ten members of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock when the Presbytery was formed and represents that church at this final meeting of the Presbytery. J. F. Lloyd, who was a minister member of the Presbytery at its organization has a son, R. Gage Lloyd, as a member of the Presbytery at its dissolution.

From 27 churches with 9 ministers and 896 members, the Presbytery has grown in the 52 years to 33 churches with 33 ministers and 9,231 members. The last church to be organized by the Presbytery of El Paso is the St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas.

As we come to the end of this final meeting of the Presbytery of El Paso, may we express in prayer to Almighty God our sincere thanks for all the early pioneers who so faithfully witnessed for the Christ under adverse circumstances and ask God's richest blessings upon the future of Presbyterianism in our Presbytery of the Southwest.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in adjourned session following the benediction of the closing worship at the adjournment of the Convention of the Presbytery of the

Southwest in the First Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas, September 11, 1957.

The closing prayer was led by R. Gage Lloyd.

T. HENRY STAFFORD, Moderator

LIN D. CROSSMAN, JR., Assistant Clerk

Attest:

EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk.

ADJOURNED MEETING

First Presbyterian Church Odessa, Texas

September 11, 1957

The Presbytery of El Paso met in adjourned session in the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas, Wednesday September 11, 1957, at 5:00 P. M. Presbytery was called to order by the last moderator present, Exell Coon, who led Presbytery in prayer.

A quorum was declared present and the following enrolled:

MINISTERS: Homer C. Akers, Tom B. Anderson, J. F. Austin, Thomas Brewster, Charles B. Brinkley, Joe M. Brown, Earl M. Clary, Exell Coon, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., Frank Crown, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Gaines B. Hall, E. O. Harrell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Troy Jarvis, John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, Flynn V. Long, Jr., R. Matthew Lynn, Thos. D. Murphy, Collis S. McKinney, C. P. Owen, J. G. M. Ramsey, David M. H. Richmond, Richard H. Schmidt, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Donald C. Whiteside and David L. Zacharias.

RULING ELDERS: Albert P. Sybesma, Andrews, Andrews; Wendell Nichols, First, Barstow; Shelby Read, First, Big Spring; D. T. Evans, St. Paul, Big Spring; Leroy Echols, First, Coahoma; Jerold Riordan, First, Colorado City; George Praul, First, Clovis, N. M.; W. V. Mason, Faith, El Paso; W. M. Thompson, Manhattan, El Paso; William Taylor, Sr., University, El Paso; W. A. Hadden, First, Fort Stockton; Coy McMahan, First, Levelland; S. C. Wilson, First, Lubbock; L. E. Milling, Westminster, Lubbock; Frank Stubbeman, First, Midland; John R. Braue, St. Andrews, Midland; J. L. Kendrick, Westminster,

Midland; Q. B. McMahan, First, Odessa; David L. Greenlees, Normandy Heights, Odessa; Harry J. McNary, St. Paul, Odessa; E. Hall, First, Pecos; Joe Simmons, First, Seagraves; and, Herman B. Dirks, First, Seminole.

Report of the Commission on the Minister and His work.

Collis S. McKinney, convenor, presented the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work. It was amended and is as follows:

1. We recommend that the Call of the First Presbyterian Church of Levelland to Fred O. Brewton, Jr., be found in order and that he be examined, and if the way be clear, the Call be placed in his hands, and a Commission be appointed for his Installation. The terms of the Call: \$4,500.00 per annum, \$600.00 a year call allowance, a manse and 10% of the salary basis to be paid to the Minister's Annunity Fund.
2. We recommend that the action of the Commission on the Minister and His Work terminating the Stated Supply relationship between the First Presbyterian Church, Van Horn, and J. G. M. Ramsey, April 28, 1957, and the approval of the Call of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Crane for the services of J. G. M. Ramsey for a period of twelve months, be admitted to record. He is Stated Supply.
3. A. That Presbytery receive Donald M. Megehan from the Presbytery of Paris as a Licentiate and that he be placed under the authority of this Presbytery, according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.
B. That the Call of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock for the services of Donald M. Megehan as Associate Minister in the special field of Minister of Education be found in order, and if the way be clear, the Call placed in his hands after the examination for Ordination, which, according to Paragraph 139 of the Book of Church Order, shall consist of examination in experimental religion, Theology, English Bible, the Sacraments and Church Government. He shall further be required to preach a sermon before the Presbytery.
C. And, if the way be clear, a Commission appointed for his Ordination and Installation.
4. We recommend that, pending the reception of the certificate of dismissal from Western Texas Presbytery, S.

Evans Brown be approved as Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland, to serve as an associate of the pastor for a period of twelve months.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Fred O. Brewton, Jr. A notice of his dismissal from the Presbytery of Dallas was read by the Stated Clerk. The Committee on Examinations made an oral report through the chairman, C. P. Owen, which was received as information.

The moderator, Exell Coon, examined on experimental religion. W. B. Holmes, Jr. examined on views touching Church Government. Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., examined on views touching the Sacraments. C. P. Owen examined on views touching Theology. The examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The motion was adopted to place the Call of the First Presbyterian Church of Levelland in the hands of Fred O. Brewton, Jr. The Call was accepted, the Obligation of Presbytery signed, and he was enrolled as a member of El Paso Presbytery.

Presbytery recessed for five minutes to extend the right hand of Christian Fellowship to Fred O. Brewton, Jr.

Presbytery reconvened and the following Commission appointed to install Fred O. Brewton, Jr. as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Levelland, September 29, 1957, 7:30 P. M.: To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions, Richard H. Schmidt; to preach the sermon, J. F. Austin; to charge the Congregation, E. O. Harrell; to charge the minister, W. L. Hester; and to complete the Commission, R. H. Hester. The quorum was set as two ministers and one Ruling Elder.

Presbytery ordered the minutes of the action of the Commission on the Minister and His Work relative to J. G. M. Ramsey admitted to record and the arrangements made for his support by the Church approved.

Presbytery recessed at 5:45 for supper following the announcement that the evening session would be held in the Normandy Heights Presbyterian Church, 7:00 P. M.

Presbytery reconvened at 7:00 P. M. in the Normandy Heights Presbyterian Church being led in prayer by the moderator, Exell Coon.

Jim Munro, Student Supply of the First Presbyterian Church, Seagraves, Texas, was introduced.

Donald M. Megehan was presented, and Presbytery proceeded with his reception and his examination for Ordination. The Stated Clerk read the letter of commendation from Paris Presbytery, and presented the Certificate of Dismissal of a Licentiate.

The motion was adopted to receive Donald M. Megehan as a Licentiate and to place him under the authority of the Presbytery of El Paso.

The motion was adopted to examine Donald M. Megehan for Ordination as a Minister of the Gospel under the extraordinary clause.

The moderator, Exell Coon, examined on Religious Experience. It was sustained as satisfactory.

The motion was adopted to accept the B. F. A. degree from the University of Nebraska in lieu of an examination on all academic subjects. The motion was adopted to waive the requirement of an examination in the original languages of the Old and New Testaments. The following reasons are cited: 1. a family of seven and the age of 40 make impractical the attendance of Donald M. Megehan at a Theological Seminary, 2. the proven ability of the Licentiate in his years of experience in important church work make up for his deficiencies in Seminary credits and, 3. his ordination would enable him to fulfill his ministry as a Minister of the Word.

W. B. Holmes, Jr., examined in Church Government, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., in the Sacraments, C. P. Owen, in English Bible and David M. H. Richmond, in Theology. Each part of the examination on his knowledge of these fields was sustained as satisfactory, and the examination was concluded with a sermon preached by Donald M. Megehan on the subject, "The Free Love of God" from the text, Hosea 14:4, which was sustained as satisfactory. The motion was adopted to sustain the examination as satisfactory as a whole.

The motion to place the Call of the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas in his hands, and to appoint a

Commission for his Ordination was adopted. The vote was by a three-fourths majority in-as-much as the Book of Church Order requires that majority when Ordination is by the extraordinary clause.

Donald M. Megehan indicated he would accept the Call of the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, for his services as Associate Pastor in the special field of the Ministry of the Word, and the following Commission was appointed to complete his Ordination and Installation as Associate Pastor in the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, September 29, 1957 at 7:30 P. M.: to preside and propound the Constitutional Questions, David M. H. Richmond, to preach the sermon, Tom B. Anderson, to charge the congregation, Troy Jarvis, to charge the pastor, L. E. Milling, to complete the Commission, David L. Zacharias and Ruling Elder R. C. Douglas. The quorum was set as three ministers and one Ruling Elder.

Presbytery recessed to extend the right hand of fellowship to Donald M. Megehan, and reconvened.

Pending the official certificate of dismissal of S. Evans Brown from the Presbytery of Western Texas, Presbytery approved his appointment as Stated Supply for a period of 12 months in the First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas, giving him permission to labor with the pastor, R. Matthew Lynn, as an associate.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was adopted as a whole as amended.

The motion was adopted to approve the proposed amendment of the Book of Church Order, Paragraph 107. It reads as follows: "It is recommended that every candidate for the ministry should put himself under the care of Presbytery, which should ordinarily be the Presbytery that has jurisdiction of the church of which he is a member. Every applicant seeking to be taken under the care of a Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry or mission service shall have been a member of one particular congregation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States for the six months preceding the filing of his application. He shall file his application at least two months . . ." (rest of the paragraph unchanged).

The Minutes of the Commission to Install Troy Jarvis as pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, were read and ordered printed in the Minutes of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk, Earl M. Clary, reported for the Trustees of Presbytery that the instructions of Presbytery regarding the preparation of official papers for transferring all properties and assets of the Presbytery of El Paso to the Presbytery of the Southwest, the legal successor as of January 1, 1958, had been begun.

The motion was adopted to have the Stated Clerk write letters to all retiring members of Presbytery's committees for the work they had done.

The Minutes were read and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer by S. C. Wilson at 10:00 P. M.

LIN D. CROSSMAN, JR., Assistant Clerk

EXELL COON, Moderator.

ATTEST:

Earl M. Clary, Stated Clerk.

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST

Effective January 1, 1958

Churches in Addition to Former El Paso Presbytery Churches

Church — Minister — Clerk

AMARILLO, SOUTHERN: Clarence E. Dodge, 1400 Wolflin Ave.; Everett Lytens, 1542 Lyle.
 BALLINGER, FIRST: Felix W. Keys, Jr., 700 7th St.; J. M. Pyburn, Box 654.
 ELDORADO, First: James L. Spencer, Box 635; Edwin M. Jackson.
 HAPPY, FIRST: Vacant; Wm. F. Miller.
 PAINT ROCK, FIRST: Felix W. Keys, Jr.; 700 7th Ballinger, Texas; J. P. Roach, Paint Rock, Texas.
 SAN ANGELO, FIRST: Harold Odum; C. C. McGill; Care of First Presbyterian Church.
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Place 2, Frank Crown; Alternate, T. Henry Stafford

Place 3, Exell Coon; Alternate, R. Gage Lloyd

Place 4, James L. Spencér; Alternate, Collis S. McKinney

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Place 1, William M. Osborn, First, Midland; Alternate, D. T. Evans, St. Paul, Big Spring.

Place 2, Joe Simmons, First, Seagraves; Alternate, William Taylor, University, El Paso.

Place 3, Albert Sybesma, Andrews, Andrews; Alternate, Norman Breed, First, Van Horn.

Place 4, Herbert Whitney, First, Big Spring; Alternate, R. C. Douglas, First, Lubbock.

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Miss Connie Jo Kitley, Miss Charlotte Frasher.

CALLED MEETING

March 20, 1958

The Presbytery of the Southwest met in special session in the Manhattan Presbyterian Church of El Paso, Texas, March 20, 1958 at 3:00 P. M. The Moderator, Tom B. Anderson, called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

The roll was called and the following were enrolled:

Ministers: Tom B. Anderson, Earl M. Clary, Lin D. Crossman, Jr., W. B. Holmes, Jr., John H. Justus, Collis S. McKinney, and Donald C. Whiteside.

Ruling Elders: John Covington, Faith, El Paso; Wily M. Thompson, Manhattan, El Paso; C. O. Niblack, Trinity, El Paso; Wm. Taylor, University, El Paso; L. E. Milling, Westminster, Lubbock; and W. S. Campbell, First, Ruidoso.

A quorum being present, the call was read and found in order. It is as follows:

The Constitutional requirements having been met according to the Book of Church Order, Par. 78, the Presbytery of the Southwest is hereby called to meet in the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Thursday, March 20, 1958 at 3:00 P. M. (M. S. T.) for the following purpose:

1. To receive Paul S. Van Dyke from the Presbytery of South Texas; to act upon the Call extended to him by the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, N. M.; and to authorize a commission for his installation, if the way be clear.

2. To act upon any matter arising from the above considerations.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Moderator
EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk

E. E. Diggs of the Presbytery of El Paso, U. S. A., was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Stated Clerk presented the certificate of dismissal for Paul S. Van Dyke from the Presbytery of South Texas and read a letter of commendation from that Presbytery.

The report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was read and adopted as follows:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work on January 21, 1958, passed the following recommendation:

That the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to Paul S. Van Dyke be found in order, that he be examined according to the Book of Church Order, and if the way be clear, he be received into the Presbytery and that Presbytery take steps to install him as pastor of the church. The terms of the call are \$4,200.00 per year, a manse, and a sum equivalent to 10% of the salary basis paid into the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

Paul S. Van Dyke was introduced to Presbytery. Tom B. Anderson called Collis S. McKinney to the chair, and then made the report of the Committee on Examinations. It was received as information.

Tom B. Anderson examined in Experimental Religion and views in the field of Theology. W. B. Holmes, Jr., examined in the field of the Sacraments and Church Government. The examination was sustained in part and as a whole.

The motion was adopted to receive Paul S. Van Dyke into the Presbytery of the Southwest and upon his signing of the Presbytery Obligation, to place the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, New Mexico. He accepted the call and the following commission was appointed to install him as pastor:

Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., to preside and propound the constitutional questions.

John H. Justus, to preach the sermon.

Donald C. Whiteside, to charge the pastor.

L. E. Milling, to charge the congregation.

W. S. Campbell, to complete the commission.

The quorum was declared to be two ministers and one ruling elder.

The right hand of Christian Fellowship was extended Paul S. Van Dyke.

The minutes were read and approved and Presbytery adjourned with prayer led by Lin D. Crossman, Jr.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Moderator
ATTEST: EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL SESSION

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas,

May 21, 1958

The Presbytery of the Southwest met in special session May 21, 1958, at 2:15 P. M. as ordered by the Synod of Texas in Session in the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, May 20-22, 1958.

The stated clerk, Earl M. Clary, called the meeting to order at the request of the oldest member present, and B. O. Wood led Presbytery in prayer.

The roll was called and a quorum declared present. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: Homer C. Akers, Tom B. Anderson, J. F. Austin, Thomas Brewster, Chas. B. Brinkley, Fred O. Brewton, Jr., S. Evans Brown, Earl M. Clary, Exell Coon, Lin D. Crossman, Jr.; Frank Crown, Clarence E. Dodge, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Allan Guthrie, E. O. Harrell, W. B. Holmes, Jr., Troy Jarvis, John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, Felix W. Keys, Jr., R. Gage Lloyd, Collis S. McKinney, Donald M. Megahan, Harold G. Odum, Lewis G. Petmecky, David M. H. Richmond, J. G. M. Ramsey, Richard H. Schmidt, J. Arthur Strickland, Albert S. Tippit, Paul S. Van Dyke, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Jack W. Ware, Donald C. Whiteside, B. O. Wood, and David L. Zacharias.

Ruling Elders: Temp S. Currie, Jr., First, Big Spring; Nolan F. Young, St. Paul, Big Spring; John W. Townsend, First, Clovis; Sam E. Jones, Jr., First, Eldorado; Wily M. Thompson, Manhattan, El Paso; H. F. Yant, First, Lubbock; Ed. Griffin, John Knox, Lubbock; Roy T. Shamburger, St. Mark, Lubbock; J. W. Stevens, Westminster, Lubbock; J. W. Drummond, First, Midland; Jack Vincent, Normandy Heights, Odessa; W. Fender Wade, First, Portales; J. F. Landers, First, Ruidoso; and Ellis Brooks, First, San Angelo.

The Synod of Texas, in session in the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, May 20-22, 1958, ordered the Presbytery of the Southwest to meet for the following purpose: To receive the reports of the churches on the progress of the Together For Christ Campaign, and to send

this report to Synod's representative for inclusion in the Synod's report. R. Gage Lloyd was designated by Synod to receive the reports.

R. Gage Lloyd was introduced and made a statement regarding the purpose of the reports.

The churches made their reports as called by the representative from Synod's Together For Christ Campaign, R. Gage Lloyd. When the reports were completed, Presbytery forwarded the report to Synod as requested.

Tom B. Anderson, moderator, took the chair and the minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer led by Richard H. Schmidt.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Moderator

ATTEST: EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk.

CALLED MEETING

April 21, 1958

The Presbytery of the Southwest met in special session in the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas, April 21, 1958, at 5:30 P. M. The Moderator, Tom B. Anderson, called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by David L. Zacharias.

Those present were:

Ministers: Tom B. Anderson, S. Evans Brown, Troy Jarvis, Donald M. Megahan, Richard H. Schmidt, Albert S. Tippit, and David L. Zacharias.

Ruling Elders: C. E. Bissell, First, Midland; Bob Blon, Westminster, Lubbock; W. L. Hester, John Knox, Lubbock; G. H. Anders, Grace, Lubbock; and S. C. Wilson, First, Lubbock.

A quorum being present, Presbytery proceeded with business.

Troy Jarvis was elected Temporary Clerk in the absence of the Stated Clerk and the Assistant Clerk.

The call for the special meeting was read and found in order. It is as follows:

1. To receive and act upon requests of candidates for

transfer to Presbyteries where they are to serve churches.

2. To receive a petition to organize a Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, Texas.
3. To organize, or take steps for organization of said church, according to Par. 26 of the Book of Church Order, if the way be clear.
4. To complete any business arising from the consideration of the above items.

The request of David Laverty to be transferred to the Presbytery of Red River in order that he might accept the call of churches within that Presbytery was adopted unanimously. The Stated Clerk was authorized to forward the Presbyterian Dismission form for Candidates for the Gospel Ministry to the Presbytery of Red River.

Organization of the St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Richard H. Schmidt presented to the Presbytery the covenant roster and a petition to be received and organized as a church. The petition was received and Presbytery moved to the organization of the St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator read the names of those transferring from other churches by letter and requested that Richard H. Schmidt introduce and examine those to be received by restatement and profession of faith. The motion was adopted to receive all names on the covenant roster as charter members. The roster (80 persons) is attached to these minutes.

The Moderator then proceeded to propound the Constitutional Questions to the members of the newly organized church (Par. 26, Book of Church Order), which were answered in the affirmative, and then the church was declared duly and constitutionally organized.

A congregational meeting was called immediately by the Moderator, who also served as Moderator of the congregational meeting. Mrs. Bob Green was elected to serve as clerk of the meeting.

The congregation, by a unanimous vote, elected to be known as the St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

The following resolutions were presented by Howard Welborn concerning the congregational practice in the election of church officers. They were adopted unanimously.

Resolved, 1. That this congregation, by virtue of the constitutional provisions contained in the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Chapter XVII, Paragraph 156, (B.O.C.), will hereafter elect ruling elders and deacons for a limited time in the exercise of their functions.

Resolved, 2. That the number of ruling elders in the session of this church shall be six, and the number of deacons in the diaconate of this church shall be nine, and their full term of service shall be three years, and they shall be divided into three classes, one of which only shall be elected every year.

The above resolutions having been adopted, the congregation should proceed to elect the total number of elders and deacons desired at one election not specifying the term of any.

The following resolution should then be adopted:

Resolved, that the elders and deacons elected by this meeting under the term-service system are hereby directed and empowered to divide themselves into three classes, one to serve one year, another for two years, and the third for three years; that these elders and deacons have leave to retire for the purpose of making this division, and that they report the result of their action to this meeting.

After the elders and deacons have presented their report, the meeting should then direct, by resolution, the clerk to make record of the report, and of its approval, in terms of the following:

Resolved, 1. The report of the elders and deacons elected by this meeting of the term-service system, upon their division into three classes, is hereby approved, and the clerk of the church is directed to record said report in the minutes of this meeting.

Resolved, 2. That at the next regular annual meeting of this church, an election shall be held for elders and deacons to take the place of the first class of term-service elders and deacons, chosen at this meeting—to wit, the class whose term of service expires in one year from this date; and also that at each regular annual meeting of this church hereafter, one of the three classes into which the session and diaconate are divided shall be duly elected; and also that the full term of service of each class hereafter elected shall be three years.

The following were placed in nomination for elders and were elected unanimously and in accordance with the plan adopted by the congregation in setting up the Rotary System and term of service designated:

Class of 1958	Class of 1959	Class of 1960
Jack Spangler	L. B. Sinclair, Sr.	Howard Welborn
Roy Shamburger	Hugh Crowder	C. C. Schmidt

The following were placed in nomination for deacons and were elected unanimously:

Class of 1958	Class of 1959	Class of 1960
Bill Anderson	Phillip Cook	D. S. Cunningham
Jay Duncan	John Singleton	Ray Diekemper, Jr.
Sidney Loe	Charles H. Stogner	Robert Green

The congregation voted unanimously to extend a call to Richard H. Schmidt as pastor, with a request the Presbytery concur in the call and with the knowledge that the Commission on the Minister and His Work had approved the contents of the call.

The business of the congregational meeting was completed and the meeting was adjourned.

Presbytery then proceeded with receiving the call of the congregation to the desired pastor, Richard H. Schmidt. The terms of the call: \$4,200.00 per annum, \$300.00 car allowance, and a manse, and 10% of the salary basis to be paid into the Ministers' Annuity Fund. The call was signed by Jack Spangler, Hugh Crowder, Bobby G. Cook, Sara Anderson, and Robert P. Green.

The call was found in order and the motion adopted to place the call in the hands of Richard H. Schmidt, and he accepted the call.

The moderator then appointed the following members of the Presbytery to install Richard H. Schmidt as pastor of the St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas; Tom B. Anderson to propound the constitutional questions; Albert S. Tippit, to preach the sermon; Troy Jarvis, to charge the pastor; Donald M. Megahan, to charge the congregation. The time was set for 7:30 P. M., April 21, 1958, in the First Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery then recessed until 7:30 P. M. the time for the installation service in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

Presbytery reconvened at 7:30 P. M. in the sanctuary for the worship service with Tom B. Anderson presiding. Albert S. Tippit preached the sermon from Ephesians 3: 1-21 on the subject of "The Perfect Plan of God." The Moderator propounded the constitutional questions to the pastor and the congregation, which were answered in the affirmative. Troy Jarvis delivered the charge to the pastor. Donald M. Megahan delivered the charge to the congregation.

Following the worship service, the minutes of the congregational meeting and the minutes of the meeting of Presbytery were read and the congregational meeting minutes adopted as part of the record of this meeting of Presbytery. The minutes were approved as read.

Presbytery adjourned with the benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor of the newly organized St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, Richard H. Schmidt.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Moderator
TROY JARVIS, Temporary Clerk

Covenant Roster

The following names compose the covenant roster of the St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas. They are listed as a part of the minutes of this meeting of the Presbytery of the Southwest.

COVENANT ROSTER BY TRANSFER OF LETTER

Adams, Mrs. Don	Harrington, Orion C.
Culwell, Mrs. F. M.	Harrington, Mrs. Orion C.
Cunningham, D. S.	Leach, Wauldron D.
Cunningham, Mrs. D. S.	Leach, Mrs. Wauldron D.
Cunningham, Cameron	Means, Thomas H.
Cunningham, Dan	Means, Mrs. Thomas H.
Cunningham, Sheldon	Naylor, Harold C.
Diekemper, Ray, Jr.	Naylor, Mrs. Harold C.
Diekemper, Mrs. Ray, Jr.	Nelson, Mrs. George

Schmidt, C. C.	Fisher, Mrs. William J.
Schmidt, Mrs. C. C.	Green, Robert P.
Shamburger, Roy T.	Green, Mrs. Robert P.
Shamburger, Mrs. Roy T.	Meeks, Mrs. W. J.
Shamburger, Ann	Trout, John
Sinclair, L. Burton, Sr.	Trout, Mrs. John
Sinclair, Mrs. L. Burton, Sr.	Valder, Clayton S., Jr.
Singleton, John	Valder, Mrs. Clayton S., Jr.
Singleton, Mrs. John	Welborn, Howard
Spangler, Jack	Welborn, Mrs. Howard
Spangler, Mrs. Jack	Garner, Myron
Stogner, Charles H.	Garner, Mrs. Myron
Stogner, Mrs. Charles H.	Anderson, William T.
Stogner, Charles H., Jr.	Anderson, Mrs. William T.
Stogner, Frankie	Caylor, Mrs. Don
Eubank, J. C.	Cook, Phillip
Eubank, Mrs. J. C.	Cook, Mrs. Phillip
Eubank, Jan	Lofton, Mrs. Charles V.
Crowder, Hugh	McDaniel, B. H.
Crowder, Mrs. Hugh	McDaniel, Mrs. B. H.
Barley, Glen	Schmidt, Mrs. Richard
Barley, Mrs. Glen	Smith, Roe L.
Fisher, William J.	Smith, Mrs. Roe L.

RESTATEMENT

Adams, Don	Loe, Sidney C.
Caylor, Don	Lofton, Charles V.
Duncan, L. J.	Nelson, George
Duncan, Mrs. L. J.	Sears, Karl A.
Fielder, William H., Jr.	Sears, Mrs. Karl A.
Fielder, Mrs. William H., Jr.	

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Crowder, Phil	Wheelock, Travis W.
Harrington, Charles	Wheelock, Mrs. Travis W.
Loe, Mrs. Sidney C.	

INSTALLATION OF PAUL S. VAN DYKE

Ruidoso, New Mexico, April 13, 1958

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of the Southwest to install Paul S. Van Dyke as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, New Mexico, was convened in the study of

the church at 7:15 P.M. and was opened with prayer by Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., convenor.

The ministers present were: Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., John H. Justus, and Donald C. Whiteside. Ruling Elders present were: W. Scott Campbell and L. E. Milling. A quorum was declared present. Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., was elected to preside and L. E. Milling was elected clerk.

The order of worship and the docket of business for the service were approved. The commission moved into the sanctuary for the worship service and the installation of Paul S. Van Dyke.

Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., presided over the worship service. John H. Justus preached the sermon on the subject, "A Man of God." Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., propounded the constitutional questions to the minister and to the congregation. These were answered in the affirmative after which Paul S. Van Dyke was declared duly installed as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The charge to the pastor was delivered by Donald C. Whiteside, and the charge to the congregation was delivered by L. E. Milling. The service was concluded with the benediction by the newly installed pastor, Paul S. Van Dyke.

Following the service the commission reconvened in the study. The minutes were read and approved. The commission was adjourned and dissolved with prayer by W. Scott Campbell.

GORDON F. GARLINGTON, JR., Moderator
L. E. MILLING, Clerk

STATED JUNE MEETING

St. Paul Presbyterian Church Odessa, Texas

June 3, 1958

The Presbytery of the Southwest convened in regular session in the St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Odessa, Texas, June 3, 1958 at 2:00 P. M.

The Moderator, Tom B. Anderson called the meeting to order and led Presbytery in prayer.

E. O. Harrell, host pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Odessa, Texas, and to the St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

The Stated Clerk reported on the enrollment and fol-

lowing the calling of the roll a quorum was declared present. The following were enrolled:

Ministers: Homer C. Akers, Tom B. Anderson, J. F. Austin, Thos. Brewster, Fred O. Brewton, Jr., Chas. B. Brinkley, Joe M. Brown, John W. Byrd, Earl M. Clary, Exell Coon, Lin D. Crossman, Jr.; Frank Crown, Clarence E. Dodge, Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., Ben E. Gillespie, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., J. Allan Guthrie, E. O. Harrell, Wm. B. Holmes, Jr., Troy Jarvis, John H. Justus, D. Burke Kerr, Felix W. Keys, Jr., R. Gage Lloyd, R. Matthew Lynn, Thos. D. Murphy, Collis S. McKinney, Harold G. Odum, C. P. Owen, Lewis G. Petmecky, J. G. M. Ramsey, Richard H. Schmidt, Albert S. Tippet, J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Jack W. Ware, Donald C. Whiteside, Paul S. Van Dyke, and David L. Zacharias.

Ruling Elders: W. A. Newbauer, Southern, Amarillo; Estes M. Lynn, First, Ballinger; J. E. Echols, First, Barstow; Dalton Mitchell, First, Big Spring; J. T. Clements, St. Paul, Big Spring; D. T. Evans, St. Paul, Big Spring, Second Day; R. B. Mayfield, First Coahoma; Jerold Riordan, First, Colorado City; Richard Fielden, First, Crane; James A. Page, First, Eldorado; Charles Black, Faith, El Paso; Malcolm P. Haynes, Manhattan, El Paso; W. A. Hadden, First, Fort Stockton; Lloyd Luna, First, Levelland; Glenn D. Teske, First, Lovington; George Buntton, First, Lubbock; Ross Hester, John Knox, Lubbock; C. C. Schmidt, St. Mark, Lubbock; Wm. N. Brown, Westminster, Lubbock, L. E. Milling, Alternate; Frank Stubbs, First, Midland; R. J. Leach, St. Andrews, Midland; R. W. Barker, Westminster, Midland, J. L. Kendrick, Alternate; Ralph Mayfield, First, Odessa, W. N. Rees, Second Day; Joe Melton, Normandy Heights, Odessa; William F. Malcolm, St. Paul, Odessa; Gail D. Jones, First, Pecos; W. S. Campbell, First, Ruidoso; Bruce H. Fisher, First, San Angelo; G. K. Mitchell, First, Sanderson; Joe Simmons, First, Seagraves; Coughran Ketner, First, Seminole; Randolph C. McNeill, First Spur; Aaron F. Clark, First, Sterling City; and Frank Harrell, First, Van Horn.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of a moderator. Felix W. Keys, Jr., having been elected Moderator-Nominee at the January Stated Meeting, was placed in nomination and elected by acclamation.

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes following prayer by the moderator and reconvened for worship.

Tom B. Anderson preached the retiring moderator's sermon on the subject, "Wanting Christ without Christianity" from the text, Ephesians 5: 23, 25-27. Presbytery observed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr. and J. Arthur Strickland officiating, and ruling elders from the churches of Presbytery assisting.

Presbytery resumed business at 3:25 P. M. with the presentation of the report of the committee on docket. The docket was adopted as amended.

Communications

The Stated Clerk read the following communications and they were referred to the named committees for action:

1. Requests for leave of absence from S. Evans Brown, David M. H. Richmond, James L. Spencer, Donald M. Megahan, and Norman D. Dow; to the Standing Committee on Leave of Absence.
2. Letter from Price Daniel, Governor of Texas, received and read for information.
3. Two requests for the dissolution of pastoral relationships: to the Commission on the Minister and His Work.
4. Resignation of Troy Jarvis from the Christian Education Committee, and resignation of Earl M. Clary from the office of Stated Clerk and Trustee of Presbytery: To the Permanent Committee on Nominations.
5. Information regarding the Stated Clerk's Conference: to the new Clerk of Presbytery.
6. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly notifying Presbytery of the Assembly Tax for 1959, and information regarding the proposed revisions in the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith: Tax information referred to the Council of Presbytery, and the revisions of the Book of Church Order and Confession of Faith

referred to the Standing Committee on Bills, Overtures, and Resolutions.

7. Minutes of the El Paso Presbyterian Council, U. S., and U. S. A.; to the Church Extension Committee.
8. Referral of various funds forwarded to the Presbytery of the Southwest from other Presbyteries in the reorganization of Synod through the Treasurer of the Council.
9. The Minutes of the Commission to Install Paul S. Van Dyke as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Ruidoso, New Mexico: read and ordered printed in the Minutes of Presbytery, Vol. I, No. 2, June, 1958.

Introduction of Visitors

J. Robert Hawkins, Presbytery of John Knox, J. J. Wester, Presbytery of Northeast Texas, and Stated Supply of Barstow, Texas, were introduced and invited to sit as visiting brothers. Gaines B. Hall, honorably retired member of the Presbytery of The Southwest, was introduced. Van Shaw and Joe Hawes of El Paso, candidates for the Gospel Ministry, were introduced. Bob Baxter, Seminary Student in Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and supplying the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Midland, was introduced. The visitors were given the privilege of the floor.

Standing Committees

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees: Leave of Absence; Harold G. Odum, Chairman, Fred O. Brewton, Jr., Thos. Brewster, Joe Melton, Jerold Riordan, and Wm. N. Brown. Judicial Business; Ben E. Gillespie, Chairman, Collis S. McKinney, Frank Crown, Bob Barker, Bruce H. Fisher, and Lloyd Luna. Bills, Overtures, and Resolutions; Tom B. Anderson, Chairman, J. Allan Guthrie, J. F. Austin, Estes M. Lynn, James A. Page, and W. A. Hadden.

Commission on the Minister and His Work

C. P. Owen took the chair and the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work was presented by

the chairman Felix W. Keys, Jr. It was adopted and is as follows:

The Commission on the Minister and His Work makes the following recommendations:

1. That the pastoral relationship of Troy Jarvis to the Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas, be dissolved effective June 4, 1958, and that he be granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of John Knox in order that he may accept the call of the Presbyterian Churches at La Grange, Giddings, and Dime Box, Texas. Further, that a letter of commendation be written to the Presbytery of John Knox by the Stated Clerk in behalf of Troy Jarvis. The congregation of the Grace Presbyterian Church meeting May 18, 1958, concurred in this request.
2. That the pastoral relationship of Earl M. Clary to the First Presbyterian Church, Colorado City, Texas, be dissolved effective June 30, 1958, and that he be granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of South Texas in order that he may accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Wharton, Texas. The congregation meeting May 25, 1958, concurred in this request.
3. That, at his own request, Presbytery dissolve the Temporary Supply relationship of J. J. Wester to the First Presbyterian Church, Barstow, Texas, on August 31, 1958.
4. That J. G. M. Ramsey be approved as Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church, Crane, Texas, for one year, at the request of the Session of the Church.
5. That James Munro be approved as Occasional Supply of the First Presbyterian Church, Seagraves, Texas, until the Next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.
6. That Felix W. Keys, Jr., be approved as Stated Supply of the Talpa Presbyterian Church until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.
7. That the call of the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas, to Van Shaw to be Associate Pastor be found in order; that he be examined according to the Book of Church Order; and if the way be clear, he be licensed to preach, that the call be placed in his hands, and that a commission of Presbytery be appointed to ordain and install him. Terms of the call

include \$4,200.00 per annum plus a manse and 10% of the salary basis paid into the Ministers' Annuity Fund.

8. That Article V. Section 1 of the Standing Rules be changed to read "7 ministers and 5 elders" instead of "5 ministers and 4 elders," and that this change be docketed for final approval at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The commission took note that it had met with three pulpit committees since the last meeting of Presbytery and had worked with them to find ministers for their churches. Proper procedures for the call of a minister were set down in detail in each case. The commission stands ready to aid all vacant churches in finding ministers and to help all churches when needed in accordance with the provisions of the Book of Church Order.

FELIX W. KEYS, JR., Chairman

In connection with the report of the Commission on the Minister and His Work, the examination of Van Shaw was docketed for the first order of business on the second day, as approved in the adoption of the docket of business.

Felix W. Keys, Jr. resumed the chair and business continued.

Report of Commissioners to the 1958 General Assembly

The Commissioners to the 1958 Meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. from the Presbytery of the Southwest presented their reports. Ruling Elders G. K. Mitchell and Gerald Sanders made their reports. Teaching Elders Gordon F. Garlington, Jr., J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Earl M. Clary, and Donald C. Whiteside made oral reports. These were received as information and the Commissioners discharged.

The report of Ruling Elder Charles Black was docketed for the Second Morning, and the report of Ruling Elder L. E. Nilsson was to be made in writing and mailed to the Presbytery. He was unable to attend this meeting of Presbytery.

Church Extension Committee

David L. Zacharias, Chairman, presented the report of the Church Extension Committee. Before the report was completed, the time of the evening recess arrived and the

report was redocketed for the Second Day following the special orders of business.

Presbytery recessed with prayer led by the moderator at 5:05 P. M. to reconvene for the popular program of the Council of Presbytery at 8:00 P. M.

Evening Session

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 P. M. and the Council of Presbytery presented the Stewardship Program of the Synod of Texas. Joe M. Brown presided and led in the presentation of the program.

With the benediction, Presbytery adjourned at 9:00 P. M. to meet at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday, June 4, 1958.

SECOND DAY

Presbytery was called to order at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday, June 4, 1958 for the second day of Presbytery. Jack W. Ware led in worship.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved. The docket was amended to place the special order of the day on the docket for 11:30 A. M. instead of 11:00 A. M.

Examination of Van Shaw

Tom B. Anderson, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Examinations. The Thesis on the Topic, "The Reformed Doctrine of the Lord's Supper," and the Exegesis on the passage of Scripture, I Corinthians 11: 27-31, were introduced as assigned written parts and the recommendation to accept them as satisfactory adopted.

The motion prevailed to accept the diplomas from the University of Texas and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in lieu of examinations in academic studies.

Felix W. Keys, Jr. examined in the field of Experimental Religion. Albert S. Tippit examined in knowledge of the English Bible. Tom B. Anderson examined in knowledge of Theology. J. G. M. Ramsey examined in the knowledge of Church Government. Dan F. Goodwin, Jr. examined in the knowledge of the Sacraments. These parts were sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes and reconvened.

Reception of Candidates

J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Chairman of the Division of Higher Education and Christian Vocations of the Christian Education Committee, presented William D. Sparks of the First Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas to Presbytery. An account of his testimony regarding his desire to become a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry was presented by the Division's chairman.

The moderator examined in Experimental Religion and Motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. The examination was sustained as satisfactory. The required questions of the Book of Church Order, Paragraph 108, were asked by the moderator and answered in the affirmative.

The charge to the Candidate was delivered by R. Matthew Lynn. The prayer of consecration was led by Tom B. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, the Candidate's minister.

The moderator then declared William D. Sparks a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry under the care of the Presbytery of the Southwest and ordered his name entered on the roll of candidates for the Gospel Ministry. He was extended the right hand of Christian Fellowship by the Presbytery.

Charles Black, Commissioner to the 1958 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. presented his report. It was received as information and he was discharged.

Special Order of The Day

The time having arrived for the special order of the day, Van Shaw preached his trial sermon on the Text, John 6: 47 "Christ's Bread Is More Than Manna." John H. Justus, leading the worship, pronounced the benediction and Presbytery recessed for lunch to reconvene at 1:30 P. M.

Second Day Afternoon

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 P. M. being led in prayer by the moderator.

The motion to approve the trial sermon by Van Shaw was adopted. The motion to sustain the whole examination as satisfactory was adopted.

The Constitutional Questions from the Book of Church Order, Paragraph 119 were posed by the moderator and answered in the affirmative. Felix W. Keys, Jr. led Presbytery in prayer on behalf of Van Shaw.

Upon his signing of the Obligation of Presbytery, he was received into Presbytery as a licentiate. Having a call from the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas to become Associate Pastor, and having indicated his willingness to accept that call, Presbytery adopted the motion to accept the examination for licensure in lieu of an examination for ordination.

Commission to Install Van Shaw

Presbytery appointed the following Commission to Ordain and Install Van Shaw as the Associate Pastor of the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas: To preside and propound the Constitutional Questions, John H. Justus; To preach the sermon, T. Watson Street, Presbytery of John Knox, to be invited to sit as a visiting brother and to preach the sermon; To charge the congregation, Collis S. McKinney; To charge the pastor, Ruling Elder Malcolm P. Haynes; To complete the commission, Ruling Elder E. B. Plapp and Minister, Lin D. Crossman, Jr. The quorum was declared to be three ministers and two ruling elders. The date set was June 8, 1958 at the 11:00 A. M. hour of worship in the Manhattan Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas.

The right hand of Christian Fellowship was extended Van Shaw by the Presbytery.

Church Extension Committee

David L. Zacharias resumed the report of the Church Extension Committee. It was considered seriatim, amended and adopted as follows:

The needs and opportunities for growth of both communicants and churches continues unabated in the Presbytery of the Southwest. This seems to be particularly true in the larger cities of the Presbytery. Studies indicate that new work could be organized in El Paso, Amarillo, Odessa, Midland, and Lubbock without crowding our present work. It is also encouraging to note that new work, properly financed when first organized, leads quickly to self-support. The Church Ex-

tension Committee is happy to report that five of our recently organized churches are scheduled to become self-supporting as of the end of this year. These churches are: St. Paul of Big Spring, organized in 1953; John Knox of Lubbock, organized in 1954; Faith of El Paso, organized in 1955; St. Paul of Odessa, organized in 1956; and St. Mark of Lubbock, organized this year. It is interesting to note that in 1953 it was the stated plan of the Church Extension Committee to expect newly organized work to be self-supporting within six years. We now feel that more aid should be given to new work as capital funds within the first two years of organization, and that sustentation should be discontinued at the end of the first year. Thus we have St. Paul of Big Spring on the old schedule and St. Mark on the new schedule, both becoming self-supporting about the same time. As of the end of this year there will be only three expansion program churches receiving sustentation within our Presbytery. These are: Andrews, Crane, Ruidoso. It is the expectation of this committee that each of these churches will become self-supporting by the end of next year.

We are happy to report that the St. Mark Church of Lubbock, organized April 21, 1958, is making good progress. Their Building Committee is now formulating plans for the first unit building, which is expected to be built this year.

You will be interested to know that we have bought two new church sites since the first of the year. The first of these, in Odessa, was bought for a total cost of \$23,850.00. \$5,000.00 of which the First Presbyterian Church of Odessa is paying this year. The second is in Amarillo, bought for \$16,000.00. We have paid \$500.00 on this purchase with an additional \$1,500.00 to be paid at this time. This \$1,500.00 is a grant from the General Assembly.

The policy of this committee dealing with new work must constantly be revised. In view of the fact that property values vary so greatly in the different areas of the Presbytery and in view of the fact that often special grants and concessions are made locally for new churches, the Church Extension Committee deemed it necessary to re-think its "package plan" for new work. Therefore, the Church Extension Committee has adopted the following policy for new work: "That henceforth, the maximum aid to be given to a new church by this committee, under the 'package plan' will be the site plus \$15,000.00." We have also adopted a new policy dealing with the Loan Fund which is, "That all loans by the Loan Fund are to be limited

to \$5,000.00 and the terms of the repayment, including interest, are to be written on the back of each note."

The Presbytery may be surprised to know that a total of \$26,512.31 has been received from T. F. C. Funds for Extension work in the Presbytery. These receipts have made possible capital grants for buildings and sites which otherwise would have been beyond our means. These T. F. C. Funds have been distributed as follows:

\$6,000.00 building grants for St. Paul, Odessa
\$6,000.00 building grants for Faith, El Paso
\$2,500.00 building grants for Normandy Heights, Odessa
\$6,000.00 property grants for St. Mark, Lubbock
\$ 500.00 new site in Amarillo
\$5,000.00 new site in Odessa
\$26,000.00 TOTAL

Seeing the good results of these funds we hope that each church of the Presbytery will make every effort to pay its T. F. C. commitment in full and on schedule.

As a result of the reorganization and re-alignment of the presbyteries, the Church Extension Committee has received the following funds:

From the former Dallas Presbytery	
One note by the Happy Church	\$900.00
Deed to the Church Site	
in Paducah, Value	600.00
Loan Fund distribution	435.03
Home Mission account	163.92
	\$2,098.95
From the former Mid-Texas Presbytery	
Extension Committee Account	\$ 660.78
From the former Western Texas Presbytery	
Extension Commerce Account	\$ 168.49
TOTAL	\$2,928.22

There are within the Presbytery nine Home Mission Churches. These are: Trinity, Barstow, Happy, Paint Rock, Sanatorium, Seagraves, Talpa, Spur, and Tahoka. Of these churches Tahoka is the only one which does not have church services. Three of the churches are supplied by neighboring ministers. These are: Paint Rock, Talpa, and Sanatorium. Three are supplied by students. These are: Happy,

Spur, and Seagraves. Barstow is served by a Stated Supply, J. J. Wester. We regret that J. J. Wester feels that it is necessary for him to resign from active preaching as of August 31, 1958. His services to the Barstow Church and to the Presbytery are greatly appreciated and we join with the Barstow Church in wishing for Mr. and Mrs. Wester continued contentment, good health, and service in the Lord.

The Church Extension Committee wishes to call to the attention of the Presbytery that our budget for 1959, as prepared by the committee, is \$60,157.00 which is \$493.00 less than our budget for this year. It should be clearly understood that this budget does not represent the needs for extension in this Presbytery, but that the committee is gravely concerned as to our benevolent potential for 1959. Therefore, we have presented a budget which we feel is minimum and realistic. It is our belief that the Presbytery will support this action with greater giving than would be the case if we were asking for total needs: thus, encouraging a total budget considerably beyond the ability of the Presbytery. Your Church Extension Committee is distressed at the great lag in benevolent giving to date in 1958. Unless there is a great increase in benevolent giving in the next few months on the part of the churches our expansion program for the remainder of the year will have to be cut.

We consider that the recent Pre-Synod Conference on Evangelism was very successful. The excellent attendance of elders and ministers from this Presbytery indicates the concern of our churches for this very important phase of the work of the Church. We would call to your attention the study of our evangelism results of 1957 as compiled by the Synod. Whereas the Presbytery of the Southwest ranked second in growth our net growth was only 878 or 19 plus per church. Unfortunately only one-half of our churches had a net gain of 10 or more members. Eight of our churches had a net loss, four had no net gain, and seven had none by profession of faith. Twenty-six of our churches placed no members on the retired roll. It would seem evident that many of these churches have not kept their rolls up-to-date and that the net growth as recorded is not a true picture of the growth of the Presbytery.

The Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of the Southwest makes the following recommendations:

1. That paragraph 304 of the Book of Church Order concerning retired members be called to the attention of local sessions and that they follow its dictates concerning their own membership. Furthermore the Stated Clerk in mailing the Statis-

tical Reports for 1958 should call attention to paragraph 304 of the Book of Church Order.

2. That we approve the minutes of the January meeting of the El Paso Council of Presbyterians, U. S. and U. S. A. as submitted to the Church Extension Committee with the exception that the comity committee report is incomplete, that assignments were recommitted to the U. P. U. S. A. church in the upper Valley, and to the U. S. Church in Eastwood.
3. That the El Paso Council of Presbyterians U. S. and U. S. A. restudy and rethink the comity agreement between the Presbyterian U. S. and U. S. A. churches in El Paso from the standpoint of distance between churches. We recommend a minimum two miles distance, which is the accepted distance in urban areas instead of four as now is, which we believe hampers the work of Presbyterianism in El Paso.
4. That the Presbytery authorize the sale of the Church site in Paducah and instruct the Trustees of the Presbytery to sign all papers necessary to this sale.
5. That the Presbytery authorize the sale of the church site known as the Vanda Ave. Mission, the Church Extension Committee being authorized to conclude transactions necessary to this sale, and that the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized to sign all papers necessary to this sale.
6. That the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized to sign the contract of sale between J. B. D. Inc., and the Presbytery of the Southwest for the purchase of Lot 25, Block 26, Fleetwood Addition, 2nd. filing, an Addition to the town of Odessa, Ector County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat of said Addition of record in the Office of the County Clerk of Ector County, Texas. The sale price is \$23,850.00.
7. That the Trustees of Presbytery be authorized to sign all necessary papers for the purchase of the Amarillo, Texas, Church site being prepared by the Church Extension Committee.

The Church Extension Committee will provide the papers and descriptions necessary to the sale and purchase of the above named sites, in order that the Trustees may have accurate information prior to the signing of the authorized instruments.

DAVID L. ZACHARIAS, Chairman

COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERY

R. Gage Lloyd, Chairman, presented the report of the Council of Presbytery. It was considered seriatim and adopted as amended. It is as follows:

Your Council of Presbytery makes the following report. We have prepared, through a sub-committee, a docket for this meeting, which is presented as a separate item of business for adoption.

The Council received from Western Texas Presbytery .266% of the balances of that Presbytery. These were disbursed as follows: To the Council—\$24.59; to the Christian Education Committee—\$45.15; to the Church Extension Committee—\$154.13. \$2.70 was paid to Synod's Treasurer for the tax for the Sanderson Church and \$15.30 was paid to the General Assembly for the Sanderson Church. To concur with a request of the Presbytery of South Texas, we authorized the return of \$14.36 to the Henrietta M. King Fund.

The Council, concerned about receipts to budgeted benevolences, instructed Joe M. Brown to present the total stewardship program to the Presbytery at the first evening session.

The Executive Secretary has been authorized and instructed to set-up four area stewardship conferences for the Fall to which Pastors, Stewardship Chairmen, and Presidents of the Women of the Church will be urged to attend.

Arrangements have been made to use one-quarter of a page in each issue of the Texas Presbyterian for Presbytery news and announcements.

Through the sub-committee on program and publicity, a copy of the pamphlet Modern Tithing will be placed in the hands of each minister, with the hope that sufficient copies will be ordered for distribution to each family in the local congregation.

The Council heard with interest a proposal by the Christian Education Committee that a Campsite be bought.

The sub-committee on Audits received Auditor's reports from the following:

- El Paso Presbytery Car Depreciation Fund
- El Paso Presbytery Loan Fund
- El Paso Presbytery Home Mission Committee
- El Paso Presbytery Council

The Audits of the above accounts were made by Mrs. R. G. Rekers.

The Christian Education Committee of El Paso Presbytery has submitted a statement of cash receipts and disbursements, although a complete audit was not made, since such procedure did not seem necessary. This statement and letter was prepared by Mr. G. D. Malone.

Your Council received the askings from courts as follows: \$82,807 for Assembly Causes, \$72,374.00 for Synod Causes, \$91,131.00 for Presbytery causes. The Total askings for 1959 amount to \$248,302.00. These asking represent an increase of \$27,888.00 over the 1958 acceptances. The Council feels that nearer 100% of the acceptances should be paid rather than increasing the askings at a high rate. Our proposal calls for an increase of only \$2,956.00 or 1.3% more than the 1958 budget (plus 4% of the total for the camp site project).

Assuming the same rate of growth experienced in the last two years, this projected asking in 1959 of \$16.75 is 63c or 3.6% less than the 1958 per capita asking. It is the desire of the Council not to decrease the giving, but to challenge the churches to reach and exceed the benevolent askings. We are ashamed to ask for so little, but afraid to ask the churches for the total requests.

The formula for apportionment of General Assembly and Synod askings is on the formula which bases 25% on the relationship of amount contributed by each presbytery to the amount contributed by the Synod for current expense during the last three years; 25% on the relationship of the amount contributed by each presbytery to the amount contributed by Synod for total budgeted benevolences during the last three years; and 50% on the relationship of the number of communicants of each presbytery to the number of communicants of Synod as of December 31, 1957.

We recommend:

1. That churches take full advantage of free stewardship literature available from the General Council, 341 C Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta 8, Georgia.
2. That the Presbytery approve the audits of the El Paso Presbytery Church Extension Committee, and El Paso Presbytery Council, and the financial statement of the El Paso Presbytery Christian Education Committee, and that these audits be printed in the Minutes of Presbytery.
3. That the Christian Education Committee submit auditor's reports of their 1958 records according to the manual of operations.

4. That churches take full advantage of the area Stewardship Conferences.
5. That every church promote the full payment of pledges to T. F. C.
6. That the 1959 budget be as follows:

General Assembly	30.97%	\$ 71,616
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Court Percent

World Missions	49.99%
Church Extension	20.13
Christian Education	9.27
Annuities and Relief	5.61
General Fund	14.74
Inter Church Agencies	.26

Total Assembly	100.00%
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Synod	27.28%	\$ 63,079
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Council and Division Expense	1.79%
Synod's Office	4.44
Publicity Division	4.28
Texas Presbyterian Foundation	4.38
General Fund	1.55

Total Council	16.44
Christian Edu. Adm. & Office	5.65%
Leadership Educ. Div.	2.63
Campus Christian Life Div.	5.80
Austin College	16.24
Austin Seminary	13.07
Lay School	.31
Schriener Institute	4.25
Children's Home and Service Agency	18.27

Total Christian Educ.	66.22
Church Extension Adm. & Office	.89
Home Missions Div.	
Latin American Work	3.15
Home Missions Div.-Pan.	
American School	13.30

Total Church Extension	17.34	
Total Synod	100.00%	
Presbytery	41.75%	\$ 96,515
Council	6.59%	\$ 6,364
Church Ext.	62.34	60,175
Christian Education		
Regular	24.41%	21,476
Special for Campsite	6.66%	8,500
Presbytery Total	100.00%	

Grand Total of Presbytery's Budgeted Benevolences	\$231,210
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7. That the 1959 budget be apportioned to the churches as follows:

SOUTHWEST PRESBYTERY BUDGET APPORTIONMENT

1959

Church	Askings	Plus 4% for Campsite	Total Askings
Amarillo, Southern	\$ 4,292.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 4,464.00
Andrews	1,015.00	40.00	1,055.00
Ballinger	3,147.00	126.00	3,273.00
Barstow	600.00	24.00	624.00
Big Spring, First	15,174.00	606.00	15,780.00
St. Paul	1,624.00	65.00	1,689.00
Carlsbad	812.00	32.00	844.00
Clovis	8,120.00	324.00	8,444.00
Coahoma	791.00	32.00	823.00
Colorado City	3,451.00	138.00	3,589.00
Crane	711.00	28.00	739.00
Eldorado	2,842.00	114.00	2,956.00
El Paso, Faith	913.00	33.00	946.00
Manhattan	11,165.00	447.00	11,612.00
University	812.00	32.00	844.00
Trinity	1,117.00	45.00	1,162.00
Fort Stockton	5,075.00	203.00	5,278.00
Happy	1,015.00	41.00	1,056.00
Levelland	2,030.00	81.00	2,111.00

Lovington	1,269.00	51.00	1,320.00
Lubbock, First	30,450.00	1,218.00	31,668.00
Grace	1,269.00	51.00	1,320.00
John Knox	761.00	30.00	791.00
Westminster	12,180.00	487.00	12,667.00
St. Mark	508.00	20.00	528.00
Midland, First	37,555.00	1,502.00	39,057.00
St. Andrews	3,350.00	134.00	3,484.00
Westminster	7,105.00	284.00	7,389.00
Odessa, First	20,300.00	812.00	21,112.00
Normandy Hts.	2,030.00	81.00	2,111.00
St. Paul	609.00	24.00	633.00
Paint Rock	457.00	18.00	475.00
Pecos	4,872.00	195.00	5,067.00
Portales	3,553.00	142.00	3,695.00
Ruidoso	508.00	20.00	528.00
San Angelo, First	22,330.00	933.00	23,263.00
St. Andrew	2,588.00	104.00	2,692.00
Sanderson	600.00	24.00	624.00
Seagraves	711.00	28.00	739.00
Seminole	3,045.00	122.00	3,167.00
Sonora	508.00	20.00	528.00
Spur	203.00	8.00	211.00
Sterling City	964.00	39.00	1,003.00
Talpa	400.00	16.00	416.00
Van Horn	711.00	28.00	739.00

8. That the Presbytery, at this time, receive and consider the request of the Christian Education Committee in regard to a Campsite:

"That the sum of \$8,500.00 be budgeted, from benevolent funds, for the church year beginning 1959, as capital funds toward the purchase of a campsite, a portion of which shall be available for necessary research and exploration in securing a site; that the Christian Education budget be increased by that amount, and means of financing for future years be determined when the Presbytery acts upon the purchase of a camp site."

R. GAGE LLOYD, Chairman

The motion to print all budget requests and the budget acceptances of the Executive Committees of Presbytery

was adopted. (These figures are found in the back of the Minutes.)

The following motion was adopted:

"That the Council be instructed to include the following in its annual budget report to Presbytery:

1. A breakdown by general divisions of the requests of each Executive Committee of Presbytery.
2. The total amount finally recommended.
3. The amount budgeted to the work of the Executive Committees and general divisions."

Christian Education Committee

Exell Coon, Chairman, presented the report of the Christian Education Committee. The report was adopted as follows:

"The Executive Committee of Christian Education is responsible to Presbytery for correlating its educational program, recommending to Presbytery policies for the administration of that program, and when approved, carrying out these policies.

"The committee reports annually to Presbytery at its June Meeting, regarding its work . . ." (Manual of Operations, Presbytery of the Southwest, 3.3.4)

In complying with the suggestion of the Manual of Operations, your Christian Education Committee herein presents an informational report "regarding its Work."

I. Children's Work—Mrs. Ben Horton, Chairman

Plans have been completed for the Area Laboratory School to be held in Lubbock, First Presbyterian Church, July 13-18, 1958. Churches are urged to enroll teachers and leaders of Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior children in this Laboratory School—a most excellent opportunity for training in a laboratory-type teaching situation.

Another Area Laboratory School is being planned for 1959 to be held in San Angelo, First Presbyterian Church. Work is being continued in establishing several Teacher Consultant—Training Centers in the Presbytery.

Vacation Church School Clinics were conducted by districts in the Presbytery this year, and are planned again for next year.

These clinics train local leaders in Vacation Church Schools, who in turn train their local teachers.

II. Youth Work—Richard H. Schmidt, Chairman

In Pioneer Youth Work your Christian Education Committee is developing a Pioneer Area Program within the Presbytery to train Pioneer Leaders, to promote Pioneer Retreats and Conclaves, to develop a total, year-round Pioneer Program in the churches.

In Senior Youth Work your Christian Education Committee has been at work in the standard program of training rallies, inspirational rallies, Youth Council work, etc. Realizing the need for further training of Adult Advisors in Youth Work, your Christian Education Committee is requesting a Pilot Training Program for Adult Leaders in a Youth Teacher Consultant-Training Center to be established in a centrally located church in the Presbytery. This Center is being jointly planned by Synod's office and the Christian Education Committee.

III. Adult Work—E. O. Harrell, Chairman

In Women's Work your Christian Education Committee recommends that Presbytery hear Mrs. J. R. Wright, President of the Women of the Church, Presbytery of the Southwest.

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes and heard Mrs. J. R. Wright upon reconvening.

In Men's Work your Christian Education Committee recommends that Presbytery hear Bob Leach, President of the Men of the Church, Presbytery of the Southwest. The Motion was adopted, and the report was made by Bob Leach.

IV. Christian Vocations and Higher Education—J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Chairman

Your Committee is setting up a testing program in recruiting, receiving and caring for our Candidates for the Ministry and Christian Service. Your Committee is in communication with the twenty-three Candidates under care of Presbytery from time to time to encourage and counsel with them. Let us continue to pray for and help guide these under our care.

Ministers are requested to forward the names of young people who are or may be interested in Christian Vocations to the Chairman of the Division.

V. Camps and Conferences—Frank Crown, Chairman

Your Committee is at work in the areas of Small Group Camping, Junior Day Camping, Older Youth Conferences and Family Camping. A full program of Camps and Conferences is under way for this summer. Staffs have been secured and trained for four Pioneer Graded Camps, a Wilderness Camp, a Senior Conference and a Family Camp.

Your Camp and Conference Committee has been at work investigating possible Camp Sites. A recommendation to Presbytery in this connection is being made at this meeting of Presbytery.

VI. Work of the Minister of Christian Education—J. F. Austin

The Presbytery's Minister of Christian Education has been at work in the Presbytery in local Christian Education Clinics and training meetings, in area and District Institutes for leadership training, in Presbytery Christian Education Committee Work, in youth and adult retreats and rallies, in office work—helping plan and coordinate Presbytery's total Christian Education Program. J. F. Austin is available to churches for help and guidance in local Christian Education programs. The churches are asked to make appointments well in advance in order that his schedule may be checked, and that the Minister of Christian Education will have time to make adequate preparation for his work in the local church.

VII. General Work

Your Christian Education Committee is actively promoting Christian Family Life in the churches through special weeks of observance, weekly or monthly Family Nights, Devotional Booklets, and the new manual, Christian Family Education in the Local Church.

Plans are underway for the establishment of an adequate Christian Education Office in Odessa. A monthly publication, The Christian Education, will be prepared and mailed to the churches—promoting the Christian Education Program of the Presbytery. Also, the Christian Education Committee is at work on a Manual for a local Christian Education Program. Digests of the stated meetings of the Presbytery's Christian Education Committee will be mailed to local Christian Education Committee Chairmen.

Your Christian Education Committee plans to attend Synod's Workshop for Presbytery Christian Education Committees at Mo-

Ranch in December of 1958; and to sponsor a Presbytery Workshop for local Christian Education Committees in 1959.

EXELL COON, Chairman

Assembly's Causes

Donald C. Whiteside, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Assembly's Causes. The report was read and adopted. It follows:

Generally speaking we have much for which to be grateful throughout the vital phases of Assembly's Causes. The work has been fruitful in all of the nine Mission Fields even though much remains to be done. Present efforts, although commendable, are not adequate. More missionaries are needed, more money is needed, and more awareness of the problems faced by all of Assembly's Causes.

During the twelve years since the end of World War II, 445 missionaries have been sent to the field. This is the largest number in any twelve year period in the entire history of our Church. Only the Southern Baptist with ten times our membership, have equalled or exceeded this record among the 'old line' denominations of our nation. A total of 160 new missionaries were sent out during the Forward With Christ Program but losses by death, retirement and other causes held the net increase to only 85. On December 31, 1957, our total missionary force numbered 504.

Some interesting observations are:

- a. The first member of the cannibalistic Basala Mpsa tribe to become a pastor was ordained by the Presbytery of Moma.
- b. The Presbyteries of the Congo Church have voted to establish their first central benevolence treasury to begin operation in 1959.

The educational institutions of Assembly, for example the Assembly's Training School and Stillman College, both report substantial increases in enrollment.

Membership in the Ministers' Annuity Fund as of December 31, 1957, was 2,854. An increase of 63 over the previous year. The average age of retirement from April 1, 1940, to December 31, 1957, was 71. The average age, though, for the year 1957 was 69. Due to the option extended to Clergymen through participation in Social Security the average age of retirement will most likely continue to decrease.

Your attention is called to the first recommendation of the Standing Committee to the 1958 General Assembly, as seen in the Minutes of the General Assembly.

DONALD C. WHITESIDE, Chairman

Committee on Nominations

J. Lem Tittsworth, Jr., Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Nominations. The report was adopted, and the men elected to the offices and classes listed.

Stated Clerk, to fill the unexpired term of Earl M. Clary, class of 1958, J. Allan Guthrie, effective July 1, 1958. The Stated Clerk is also a trustee of Presbytery.

Executive Committee on Christian Education; to fill the unexpired term of Troy Jarvis, 1959, Albert S. Tippit, 1959; to fill the unexpired term of James Page, class of 1960, Van Shaw, 1960.

Commissioners to the General Assembly, 1959

Ministers:

- Place 1. Wm. B. Holmes, Jr., Alternate, Lin D. Crossman, Jr.
- Place 2. Frank Crown, Alternate, T. Henry Stafford.
- Place 3. Exell Coon, Alternate, R. Gage Lloyd.
- Place 4. James L. Spencer, Alternate, Collis S. McKinney.

Ruling Elders:

- Place 1. William M. Osborn. First, Midland; Alternate, D. T. Evans, St. Paul, Big Spring.
- Place 2. Joe Simmons, First, Seagraves; Alternate, William Taylor, University, El Paso.
- Place 3. Albert Sybesma, Andrews, Andrews; Alternate, Norman Breed, First, Van Horn.
- Place 4. Herbert Whitney, First, Big Spring; Alternate, R. C. Douglas, First, Lubbock.

Printed Minutes

The report of the Committee on Printed Minutes was presented by Lewis G. Petmecky. It was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Printed Minutes has examined Volume 1, No. 1, Minutes of the Presbytery of the Southwest of the Presbyterian

Church in the United States, containing Minutes of the Presbytery of El Paso; One Called Meeting, Minutes of Three Commissions. Minutes of the Conventions of Presbytery Number 1; January 15, 1957, and September 11, 1957. First Stated Meeting, Presbytery of the Southwest, January 21, 1958. These have been found in order.

We wish to commend our Clerks of the Presbytery for their excellent work.

LEWIS G. PETMECKY
D. BURKE KERR

Sessional Records

The Stated Clerk read the report of the Committee to Examine the Sessional Records of the First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso, New Mexico. The report was adopted as follows:

The records are neatly kept and evidence a proper pride on the part of the Clerk of Session.

The word "representative" instead of "delegate" is the better term to describe an elder appointment to any church court.

October 20, 27, November 24 and December 15, 1957, record minutes of congregational meetings consecutively with those of the Session instead of being recorded in a separate section of the book reserved for such.

We recommend the Sessional Records of the Ruidoso, New Mexico, First Presbyterian Church be approved with the above listed exceptions.

J. G. M. RAMSEY, Chairman

Bills, Overtures and Resolutions

The Committee on Bills, Overtures and Resolutions reported through the Chairman, Tom B. Anderson. The report was adopted, and Presbytery stood in a rising vote of thanks as recommended by the committee. It is as follows:

The committee had in hand a communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly regarding the following matters passed from the Assembly to the Presbytery for action:

1. The first part of a Revision of the Book of Church Order

2. Revisions in the Confession of Faith on the section on Divorce and Remarriage.

Since the committee did not have the full content of these important matters and since such important changes need the careful and serious consideration of the Presbytery, we therefore make the following recommendation:

That the Moderator appoint a Special Ad-Interim committee consisting of three ministers and two ruling elders charged with the responsibility of making a thorough study of these proposed changes, and to make a report to the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery their recommendations for action, and also to make available to every minister and clerk of Session not later than 30 days before the next Stated Meeting two copies of these proposed changes together with their recommendations and reasons for the same.

The Presbytery of the Southwest wishes to express its heart-felt thanks to the St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Odessa for its invitation to the Presbytery to hold its second Stated Meeting in her beautiful new church building. Presbytery rejoices with the St. Paul Church in its wonderful and speedy development, both physical and spiritual. It is easy to see that the Spirit of the Lord is working in a very real way through the pastor, officers, and members of this new church. The hospitality of this Church has been outstanding and certainly beyond the call of duty. We appreciate the graciousness of the church in serving coffee at all hours, the evening meal, the delightful setting of the church and all other gifts of comfort which have made our stay so pleasant. We pray God's continuous blessing upon you in your service to His Kingdom.

We recommend:

1. That this note of appreciation be sent to the pastor and officers of St. Paul Presbyterian Church in writing.
2. That the Presbytery's appreciation be expressed to the church's congregation in such a way as the pastor thinks best.
3. That this report be adopted by a rising vote of thanks.

TOM B. ANDERSON, Chairman

Appointment of the Ad-Interim Committee

The Moderator appointed the requested Ad-Interim Committee to study the proposed revisions in the Book of Church Order and the Confession of Faith. Named were:

S. Evans Brown, Chairman, J. Fred Brewton, Jr., J. Arthur Strickland, Gerald Sanders and Ross Hester.

Leave of Absence Committee

J. Fred Brewton, Jr. presented the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence which was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Leave of Absence recommends:

1. That all excuses received by the Stated Clerk from ministers absent from this meeting of Presbytery be approved.

The committee reports that all ministers are present or accounted for.

It was noted that the following Churches were not represented:

Andrews, Andrews	Portales, First
Clovis, First	San Angelo, St. Andrew
El Paso, Trinity	Sanatorium, Carlsbad
El Paso, University	Sonora, Church of the Good
Happy, First	Shepherd
Paint Rock, First	Tahoka, First
	Talpa, First

2. That all churches not represented be reminded of their responsibility to this court. This should be done by a personal letter from the present Moderator.
3. That Presbytery be commended on its fine attendance at this Stated Meeting.
4. That requests received from Harold G. Odum, W. B. Holmes, Jr., and Frank Harrell, for leave of absence on Wednesday afternoon be granted.

Tom B. Anderson made an oral report on Synod's Together For Christ campaign which was received as information.

Selection of Place of Next Meeting

William Brown, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas extended an invitation to Presbytery to meet in the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock, Texas for the January 1959 meeting of Presbytery. The invitation was accepted unanimously.

Election of Moderator Nominee

The name of W. B. Holmes, Jr. was placed in nomination for Moderator Nominee for the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and he was elected Moderator Nominee.

The order of Closing Worship was amended to close with the benediction and Moderator's declaration of adjournment.

The Stated Clerk presented an oral report on actions in behalf of Presbytery prior to the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery. It was received as information.

By a rising vote of thanks, Presbytery expressed appreciation to the Stated Clerk for his work in behalf of Presbytery.

The motion to adjourn with the benediction was adopted. The Moderator then declared that Presbytery adjourned to meet at 2:00 P. M. January 20, 1959 in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas. The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

FELIX W. KEYS, JR., Moderator
LIN D. CROSSMAN, JR., Assistant Clerk

Attest:

EARL M. CLARY, Stated Clerk

Budget Requests to the Council of Presbytery

1. Christian Education Committee
2. Church Extension Committee
3. The Council of Presbytery

Approved amounts are noted in the Council's Report in the body of the Minutes.

BUDGET INFORMATION COMMITTEE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Minister of Christian Education

ITEMS	1957 Disbursements	1958 Budget Figure	1959 Asking
Salary	\$ 5,112.50	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
Annuity & Insurance (hosp.)	587.52	672.00	672.00
Travel	1,270.11	1,200.00	1,200.00
Training	93.98	250.00	400.00

Manse (Payments, Maintenance, Utilities)			
	1,320.34	1,200.00	1,570.00
Office (C. E.)	1,608.52	1,000.00	
Secretary			1,200.00
Equipment	12.70	200.00	400.00
Visual aids, Lit., Supplies		300.00	500.00
Car (Ins., Maint., Deprec.)	1,114.49	1,200.00	1,600.00
Camping Program	3,025.24	4,500.00	5,325.00
Leadership Education			
Training and Expense	277.27	1,250.00	500.00
Men	1,000.00	1,370.00	1,600.00
Youth (Pioneers, Sr. High) ..	496.37	1,882.00	2,000.00
Children	151.92	500.00	675.00
Women of the Church		1,400.00	1,525.00
Young Adults	82.18		
Higher Education and			
Christian Vocation		350.00	175.00
C. E. Com. Expense	406.21	800.00	750.00
Contingencies	750.00	400.00	400.00
Payment of MCE Withholding	390.50		
TOTALS	\$17,699.85	\$23,574.00	\$25,592.00

PAST EXPERIENCE:

	1956	1957	1958	1959
ASKED	\$17,060.00	\$18,950.50	\$23,574.00	
APPROVED	16,344.77	18,960.00	21,476.00	
SPENT	14,709.37	17,699.85	6,087.06	
				(1st quarter)

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHWEST**Church Extension Committee****Proposed 1959 Budget****SUSTENTATION:**

Andrews	\$1,400.00
Barstow	1,800.00
Faith	-0-
Crane	1,200.00
John Knox	-0-

Ruidoso	900.00	
St. Mark	-0-	
Seagraves	1,200.00	
St. Paul, Big Spring	-0-	
St. Paul, Odessa	1,800.00	
Trinity	1,000.00	
Summer Work	2,500.00	
New Work	7,000.00	\$18,800.00

EXPANSION:**Grants:**

a. Lubbock, New Work	\$5,000.00	
b. Odessa, New Work	5,540.00	
c. Sonora	5,000.00	
d. St. Andrew	2,000.00	
e. Undesignated	5,000.00	
f. University Note	2,000.00	
g. Andrews	2,500.00	
h. John Knox	2,000.00	\$29,040.00

PROMOTION:

Promotion	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
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OPERATION:

Committee Expense	\$ 900.00	
Car Expense	1,200.00	
Car Depreciation	750.00	
Office Expense	1,200.00	
Salary, Sec.	5,100.00	
Annuity and F.I.C.	605.00	
Rent, Sec.	1,080.00	
Life & Hospitalization	1,000.00	\$11,835.00
Grand Total of Budget:		\$60,175.00

SUMMARY OF BUDGET ASKINGS:

1958 Proposed Budget	\$66,575.00
1958 Approved Budget	\$60,668.00
1959 Proposed Budget	\$60,175.00
	\$493.00 less than 1958 Approved Budget

PRESBYTERY'S COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 1959**Council**

Travel and Telephone	\$ 500.00
Stewardship	550.00
Advertising—Texas Presbyterian	440.00

Stated Clerk

Salary	420.00
Office Expense	100.00
Printing	700.00

General Expense

Printing	250.00
Misc.	28.00
Speaker	100.00
Audits	30.00
Synod's Tax	366.00
Assembly's Tax	2,440.00
Office Expense	100.00

Commission on the Minister and

His Work and Other Commissions	400.00
TOTAL	\$6,364.00

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COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERY
EL PASO PRESBYTERY COUNCIL**

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1957**

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Mr. L. E. Milling, Chairman
Finance Committee
El Paso Presbytery Council
Lubbock, Texas
Dear Mr. Milling:

Pursuant to your instructions, I have examined the accounting records of the El Paso Presbytery Council for the calendar year ended December 31, 1957.

Transactions with The American State Bank were examined in detail and the records were found to be in accord with the bank statements. The Fund balance was independently verified by the Bank.

The accounting records of the El Paso Presbytery Council were found to be in good order for the calendar year 1957.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. R. G. Rekers

**EL PASO PRESBYTERY COUNCIL
Lubbock, Texas**

**BALANCE SHEET
Calendar Year 1957**

Beginning Balance 1-1-57 \$ 319.49

Receipts

E. A. Dean, Central Treasurer	\$3,478.07
Presbytery Tax	155.93
1956 Stated Clerk Balance	125.06

Advance	50.00	
Collection at Stewardship Dinners	45.00	3,854.06
Total Receipts		\$4,173.55

Disbursements

Office of Stated Clerk	\$1,083.66	
Presbytery Council Travel and Meals	135.06	
General Expense	1,971.45	
Convention Expense	127.49	
Minister and His Work, Travel, Phone Calls	281.37	
Stewardship, Travel and Dinners	534.10	
Standing Rules, Travel	30.00	\$4,163.13
Fund Balance 12-31-57		\$ 10.42

EL PASO PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Lubbock, Texas

December 31, 1957

FUND RECEIPTS

Presbytery Tax

Ruidoso	\$ 14.26
John Knox	27.90
Barstow	24.18
Coahoma	23.25
Pecos	35.34
Grace	31.00
FUND TOTAL	\$155.93

EL PASO PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Lubbock, Texas

December 31, 1957

FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Office of Stated Clerk

Salary	\$ 325.00
Printing	677.70
Office Expense	37.64
Statistical Report	22.32
Postage	21.00
	\$1,083.66

General Expense

Audit	\$ 10.00
Phone Calls	5.67

Office Supplies	5.80	
Presbytery Speaker	127.37	
Honorarium	30.00	
Lodging	8.16	
Synod Tax	215.18	
1958 Assembly's Assessment	1,569.27	1,971.45

Convention Expense

Travel	\$ 74.86	
Dinner	18.15	
Office Expense	34.48	127.49

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Mr. R. C. Blon, Chairman

Finance Committee

El Paso Presbytery Home Mission Committee

Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Blon:

Pursuant to your instructions, I have examined the accounting records of the El Paso Presbytery Home Mission Committee for the calendar year ended December 31, 1957.

Transactions with The Citizens National Bank were examined in detail and the records were found to be in accord with the bank statements. The Fund balance was independently verified by the Bank.

The financial records of the El Paso Presbytery Loan Fund are set up in a separate account with the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lubbock, Texas, and accordingly are not included in this report except where there is direct bearing on this Fund.

The Car Depreciation Fund is set up as a separate account with the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Lubbock, Texas, and is not included herein.

Upon careful examination of the El Paso Presbytery Home Mission Committee financial records, everything was found to be in good order, for the calendar year 1957.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. R. G. Rekers

EL PASO PRESBYTERY HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Lubbock, Texas

December 31, 1957

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

Balance per Bank Statements\$1,970.35
Less:

Outstanding Checks

No. 852 Andrews Presbyterian Church	\$ 216.66	
No. 854 Crane Presbyterian Church	125.00	
No. 876 First Presbyterian Church, Lubbock	11.44	353.10
Balance per Books		\$1,617.25

EL PASO PRESBYTERY HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Lubbock, Texas

FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Calendar Year 1957

Fund Balance 1-1-57\$3,915.51

Receipts

E. A. Dean, Central Treasurer, Austin, Texas	\$48,530.36	
Evangelism	137.31	
T. F. C.	8,595.32	
Negro Work	1,102.84	
Lubbock Presbyterian Council for New Work	500.00	
Blue Cross	38.40	
Presbyterian Student Committee	850.00	
Loan Fund Payment	5,396.17	
St. Mark Payment	300.00	65,450.40
Total Funds Available		69,365.91

Disbursements

Sustentation	\$24,830.57	
Grants	21,956.33	
Committee Expense	570.66	
Evangelism	296.09	
Office Expense	503.97	
Car Expense	1,116.93	
Audit	90.00	
Annuity (First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Lubbock)	469.82	
New Work	8,201.42	
Hospitalization Refund	85.20	
Hospitalization Payment to the Board of Annuities and Relief	862.19	
Loan to St. Mark	300.00	
Advance to El Paso Presbytery Council	50.00	
Presbyterian Student Committee	850.00	
Car Repair	55.00	
Car Depreciation Fund	500.00	
Advances to El Paso Presbytery Loan Fund	7,010.48	\$67,748.66
Fund Balance 12-31-57		\$ 1,617.25

EL PASO PRESBYTERY HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Lubbock, Texas

DISBURSEMENTS TO SUSTENTATION

Calendar Year 1957

Andrews	\$ 2,599.92
Barstow	1,800.00
Crane	1,042.32
Faith	2,944.85
John Knox	2,138.62
Ruidoso	1,650.00
St. Paul, Big Spring	1,440.00
St. Paul, Odessa	4,200.00
Trinity	999.96
Seagraves	400.00
Secretary's Salary	4,534.90*
Secretary's Rental Allowance	1,080.00
Total Sustentation	\$24,830.57

*\$164.92 was withheld from Secretary's Salary but was not sent into the Internal Revenue Department in 1957. Therefore it is not included in his salary.

EL PASO PRESBYTERY HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Lubbock, Texas

DISBURSEMENT TO GRANTS

Calendar Year 1957

Grace Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, Texas	\$ 1,000.00
Lovington Presbyterian Church, Lovington, New Mexico	1,000.00
University Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas	2,000.00
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas	2,355.46
Faith Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas	5,000.00
Paul Judah—Forfeit Payment on second one-half site	
47th St., Lubbock, Texas	500.00
Paul Judah—Third Payment on 47th and Salem Site	2,655.87
J. W. Chapman & Sons—Down Payment on Salem site	1,545.00
Coahoma Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, Texas.....	900.00
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas	3,000.00
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa, Texas	
(Balance of \$5,000.00 Grant)	2,000.00
Total Grants	\$21,956.33

EL PASO PRESBYTERY HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Lubbock, Texas

DISBURSEMENTS TO NEW WORK FUND

Calendar Year 1957

Expenses for Richard Schmidt

Moving to Lubbock	\$ 408.92	
Down Payment and Closing Costs		
on Manse	2,298.29	
Monthly Manse Payments	577.30	
Salary	2,100.00	
Car Allowance	150.00	
Telephone	27.50	
Board of Annuities and Relief	242.36	
Fence	300.00	\$6,104.37
Misellaneous		
Air Conditioner	\$ 69.50	
Travel	5.05	

Transfer of Letter	10.00	
First Payment on Second Half		
Church Site	2,012.50	2,097.05
Total New Work Disbursements		\$8,201.42

EL PASO PRESBYTERY LOAN FUND AUDIT REPORT

1957

Mr. R. C. Blon, Chairman
Finance Committee
El Paso Presbytery Loan Fund
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Blon:

Pursuant to your instructions, I have examined the accounting records of the El Paso Presbytery Loan Fund for the calendar year 1957. Upon the request of Mr. L. E. Milling, the accounts were verified by mail and copies of the verifications are on file.

Transactions with the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Lubbock, Texas, were checked in detail and found to be correct. The transactions, as well as the amount in the account as of December 31, 1957, were verified with the First Federal Savings & Loan Association.

The accounting records of the El Paso Presbytery Loan Fund were found to be in good order for the calendar year 1957.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. R. G. Rekers

EL PASO PRESBYTERY LOAN FUND
Lubbock, Texas
December 31, 1957

FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts

Principal Payments Received	\$6,254.84	
Interest Payments Received	789.81	
Received from General Fund	220.48	
Received from General Fund for		
Payments on Big Spring Note	2,790.00	
Received from General Fund for Loan to		
Portales	4,000.00	
Dividends	67.92	\$14,123.05

Disbursements

Payment to General Fund	\$5,396.17	
Payment on Big Spring Note	2,790.00	
Loan to Portales	4,000.00	
Loan to St. Mark	1,000.00	13,186.17
Fund Balance 12-31-57	\$	936.88

EL PASO PRESBYTERY LOAN FUND

Lubbock, Texas
December 31, 1957

FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION

Receipts

Principal Payments Received

University Presbyterian Church	\$2,000.00	
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Big Spring	591.22	
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa	2,316.77	
First Presbyterian Church, Portales	1,346.85	\$ 6,254.84

Interest Payments Received

St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Big Spring	\$ 108.78	
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Odessa	38.69	
First Presbyterian Church, Portales	642.34	789.81

Miscellaneous

Dividends	\$ 67.92	
Received from General Fund	220.48	288.40
Total Funds Available	\$	7,333.05

Disbursements

Payment to General Fund	\$5,396.17	
Loan to St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Lubbock	1,000.00	6,396.17
Fund Balance 12-31-57	\$	936.88

**EL PASO PRESBYTERY
CAR DEPRECIATION FUND**

AUDIT REPORT

1957

Mr. R. C. Blon, Chairman
Finance Committee
El Paso Presbytery Car Depreciation Fund
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Blon:

Pursuant to your instructions, I have examined the records of the El Paso Presbytery Car Depreciation Fund for the calendar year 1957.

Transactions with the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Lubbock, Texas, were checked in detail and found to be in order.

The accounting records of El Paso Presbytery Car Depreciation Fund for the calendar year 1957 were found to be in good order.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. R. G. Rekers

EL PASO PRESBYTERY CAR DEPRECIATION FUND

Lubbock, Texas

Calendar Year 1957

Fund Balance 1-1-57	\$	640.77
Deposit 1-27-57	\$ 500.00	
Interest	46.03	546.03
Fund Balance 12-31-57	\$	1,186.80

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

EL PASO PRESBYTERY

For Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1957

May 19, 1958

Committee on Education
El Paso Presbytery
Odessa, Texas
Gentlemen:

As requested by your Treasurer, Mr. Jack Vincent, we have made an examination of your records for the calendar year ended December 31, 1957.

A complete audit was not made, since such procedure did not seem necessary. The extent of our examination was, in our opinion, sufficient to determine the accuracy of your records and to verify that all receipts were properly accounted for and all disbursements authorized.

Your records for the year examined were accurately kept in conformity with sound accounting principles and consistent with the method used in prior years.

We present as our report this letter and the attached Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, along with Bank Reconciliation.

We appreciate the privilege of serving you in this matter.

Yours very truly,
G. D. Malone

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
EL PASO PRESBYTERY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957**

Cash in First National Bank—Odessa, Texas—
January 1, 1957\$ 69.55

CASH RECEIPTS

Central Treasurer 18,116.14
Total Cash Accountability\$18,185.69

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Director of Religious Education

Salary	\$5,112.50	
Less: Income Tax		
Withheld	533.90	\$4,578.60
Annuity		587.52
Travel		1,270.11
Office		1,608.52
Training	93.98	\$8,138.73

Car Expense

Insurance and license	\$ 146.22	
Repairs	968.27	1,114.49

Presbytery Organizations

Men of Church	\$1,000.00	
Senior Youth Fellowship	496.37	
Young Adults	82.18	1,578.55
Christian Education Committee		406.21
Camping Expense		3,025.24
Visual Aids		12.70
Vacation Church School Institutes ..		151.92
Leadership Institutes		277.27
Monthly payments on Manse—		
12 at \$85.04		1,020.48
Maintenance and Upkeep—Manse		299.86
Loan paid from First National Bank, Odessa, Texas		750.00
Withholding Tax Paid		924.40
Total Cash Disbursements		17,699.85
Cash in First National Bank— Odessa, Texas—Dec. 31, 1957.....		\$ 485.84

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

EL PASO PRESBYTERY

Less: Check Outstanding: No. Amount

BANK RECONCILEMENT

December 31, 1957

Balance per Bank\$886.99

421	\$	6.85	
428		19.30	
429		11.20	
440		225.00	
441		86.09	
442		28.50	
443		24.21	401.15

Balance Per Books\$485.84

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