

Pilgrim Holiness Church



*Minutes of the Annual Assembly
of the Idaho - Washington District*



*Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
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**ROLL CALL
of the
ASSEMBLY MEMBERS**

Official Members

General Superintendent and Chairman

Winifred R. Cox.....Greenboro, N. C.

District Superintendent

O. F. Gault.....1415 Fourth St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Assistant District Superintendent

E. E. Bates.....Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Secretary

Leila Thomas.....Rathdrum, Idaho

Treasurer

Rubie Gault.....1415 Fourth St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Advisory Members

C. C. Calhoon.....Athol, Idaho

O. Simmons.....Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

R. A. Fullerton.....Spokane, Wash.

Ministers

Ida G. Garner.....Pasadena, Cal
C. A. Stults.....Aberdeen, Wash.
Wh. Thiele.....Taiden, Korea
Bertha Deaderick.....San Francisco, Cal.
J. B. Busch.....Kent, Wash.

Lay Delegates

Mrs. Chas. Benward.....Post Falls, Idaho
Frank Gaskill.....Post Falls, Idaho
Warren Myres.....Ford, Wash.
Mrs. Ferral.....Spirit Lake, Idaho
Mrs. Walter Ervin.....Athol Idaho
Mrs. C. C. Calhoon.....Athol, Idaho
Frankie Swift.....Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
Mrs. Chas. Brown.....Springston, Idaho

FIRST SESSION

The Annual District Assembly of the Idaho-Washington District Pilgrim Holiness Church was called to order by the District Superintendent, O. F. Gault, at the Coeur d'Alene Church on March 16, 1926, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Assembly joined in singing "He'll Understand," and prayer was offered by Brother Bates and Sister Thomas.

Our General Superintendent, W. R. Cox, was introduced and gave a short address to the Assembly. After this the roll was called and we were ready to proceed with the business of organizing the Assembly.

Assembly Members

Moved and supported that the Sunday School Superintendents of the churches of the District be included in the Assembly Members and have the privileges of Delegates. Carried.

Minutes

The Secretary read the minutes of the last District Assembly, which were approved.

Conference Bar

Moved and supported that the three front seats of the middle tier of the church constitute a Conference Bar. Carried.

Hours of Sessions.

Moved and supported that the morning sessions begin at 9:30 and close at 11:45 a. m. Afternoon sessions begin at 2:00 and close at 3:45 p. m. Carried.

Rules of Government

Moved and supported that the deliberations of the Assembly be controlled by the rules of the "Manual" and "Roberts' Rules of Order."

Appointment of Committees

Brother Cox referred this matter to Brother Gault who appointed the Examining Committee and said he would appoint the other committees later at the close of the session.

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Examining Committee

Sister Thomas, Bro. Bates, Bro. Henry.

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Reports.

Moved and supported that the reports be read by churches.

Carried.

Coeur d' Alene Church

Pastor—E. E. Bates, ordained.

Delegate—Frankie Swift.

Brother Bates reports a rise in spirituality and interest since his coming to the work last May.

Reports Accepted.

Athol Church

Pastor—C. C. Calhoun, Licensed.

Delegate—Mrs. Ervin.

Sunday Superintendent—Mrs. Calhoun.

Reports Accepted.

Springston Church

Delegate—Mrs. Brown.

The District Superintendent has been supplying this point. They are hoping to have a resident pastor before the summer passes.

Reports Accepted.

Happy Hill Church

Delegate—Warren Myres.

This has been a supply point. The financial report from this point is especially good.

Reports Accepted.

McGuires Church

Pastor—Lelia Thomas, ordained.

Delegate—Mrs. Benward.

Sunday Superintendent—Frank Gaskill.

Reports Accepted.

This church reports a considerable gain in membership. The spiritual condition is good and the Sunday School encouraging.

Spirit Lake Church

Pastor—C. C. Calhoun.

Verbal report by pastor. This church was organized in November with seven members. Brother Calhoun is pastor there and reports the work in as good a condition as could be expected.

Reports Accepted.

Committees

Auditing Committee:

J. E. Henry, O. Simmons, Warren Myres.

Statistical Committee:

Lelia Thomas, Rubie Gault, Mrs. Calhoun.

Resolution Committee:

J. E. Henry, C. C. Calhoun, E. E. Bates.

The meeting was then adjourned until 2:00 o'clock, p. m.

SECOND SESSION

The second session of the Assembly was called to order at 2:00 p.m. March 16.

Song, "Victory Ahead."

Prayer, Rev. Calhoun.

General Superintendent, W. R. Cox presided as chairman. The

minutes of the last session were read, corrected and approved, and the roll was called.

Reports.

Unstationed Ministers

J. B. Busch, Licensed Minister.

He reports considerable activity in Western Washington.

Report Accepted.

C. A. Stults, Ordained Minister.

He has been engaged in pastoral work the latter part of the year at Aberdeen, Wash.

Report Accepted.

Ida A. Garner, Ordained Minister.

Sister Garner is serving as Dean of Girl's Dormitory at Pilgrim Holiness College at Pasadena California.

District Superintendent's Report

O. F. Gault, Licensed Minister.

"Looking back over the past year I feel like saying to this Assembly that I believe this has been the best year of my life. First of all I praise the Lord for the victory He gives me through the precious cleansing blood of Jesus. More than once this year my heart has been assured and it has been proven that God still hears and answers prayer.

I also wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the ministers in the district and to the churches for the way you have supported me financially and also for the way you have held me before the throne of Grace in your prayers. I have no doubt made mistakes and criticism has been justifiable whether it was given or not; but I believe I am not mistaken in saying that you have backed me up by your prayers and help throughout the year. I wish I could express to you how much I have appreciated your confidence and hearty co-operation. I have at least faithfully endeavored to fulfill my duties as best I could.

Owing to the delay in obtaining another pastor for the Athol Church we continued there as pastor until October 25 when Bro. and Sr. Calhoun came to our rescue and took charge of the work there.

Besides the work at Athol we endeavored to take care of the class at Spirit Lake filling an appointment there on the average of once every three weeks. We also took care of the Springston class going there one Sunday each month; and went to Ford, Wash., for services three Sundays during the year.

I regret there has been so little accomplished toward advancing our work into new fields and communities.

Late in October we obtained Rev. W. E. Straub from Newberg, Oregon to hold some meetings in the District for us. He held three meetings, one at Spirit Lake which resulted in organizing a church there. After this we held 10 days at St. John, Wash.

I hope that this year there will be a great increase of revival spirit, and effort in the District and that God will help that many souls shall be saved and some new churches organized for His glory!

I have traveled this year in filling appointments and in the interests of the District about 4000 miles, I preached 93 times at various points."

Bro. Gault emphasized the need of advance work and encouraged the Assembly and District to work for this.

Report Accepted.

District Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Gault.

This report was accepted subject to the findings of the Auditing Committee.

Auditing Committee's Report

The Auditing Committee finds the Treasurer's Book correct and in good condition.

Report Accepted.

Missionaries' Report

William Thiele, Ordained Minister.

Brother Thiele is laboring under the auspices of the Oriental Missionary Society in Taiden, Korea, and just returned to that field last September.

Bertha Deaderick is engaged in open air Evangelistic and Missionary work. She has traveled over 18,000 miles this year; spent three months in the West Indies in Evangelistic work; saw over 160 either saved or sanctified in her meetings.

New Business

Moved and supported that we proceed to the election of officers.
Carried.

Election of Officers

The Assembly proceeded to elect officers as follows.
O. F. Gault, District Superintendent.

Mode of Election

Moved and supported that the usual rules of election be suspended and the three having the highest number of votes be candidates for election.

E. E. Bates, Assistant District Superintendent.

Lelia Thomas, Secretary.

Rubie Gault, Treasurer.

C. C. Calhoun, 1st Advisory Member.

R. A. Fullerton, 2nd Advisory Member.

Oliver Simmons, 3rd Advisory Member.

This completes the District Council.

Moved and supported that we extend the time of this Assembly session 15 minutes.

Carried.

This session was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock until the next session. Brother Bates pronounced the benediction.

THIRD SESSION

9:30 a. m., March 17, 1926.

Song, "Close to Thee."

Prayer—Sister Brown and Sister Gault.

Opening Remarks:

Brother Cox addressed the Assembly for a few minutes on the subject of "Sacrifice." He said the cause of God is not a common cause and should not receive ordinary attention. His work should be put first. The extent that we leave our own interests for God's cause measures the extent of God's care for us.

The Christian spirit is a spirit of sacrifice. A true Christian will suffer rather than let the cause of God suffer.

Minutes

The minutes were read and approved and the roll was called.

Election Continued—Examining Board

Lelia Thomas, three years; Ida Garner, two years; E. E. Bates, one year.

Delegates to General Assembly

Moved and supported that the District Superintendent with a committee of two appoint delegates to the General Assembly to be held at Frankfort, Indiana, in September.

Carried.

Transportation Secretary

Moved and supported that the District Superintendent and committee appoint a Transportation Secretary.

Carried.

Board of Trustees

Elected as follows: Cyrus Bittleston, three years; O. F. Gault, two years; Ida Garner, one year.

Report of Resolution Committee

Resolution No. 1—Resolved that a committee of two be elected to work with the District Superintendent in the management of advance work and the expense thereof.

Adopted.

Advance Work Committee

Lelia Thomas and Brother Bates were elected by acclamation.

Resolution No. 2—Resolved that a committee be appointed by each pastor or the District Superintendent to raise money for home missions. (See Reference.)

Adopted.

Resolution No. 3—Resolved that Brother Cox be refused permission of even speaking of leaving until Monday morning.

Adopted.

Report of Statistical Committee

The report was read as follows and accepted.

Statistical Report

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| Number of Churches..... | 6 |
| Number of Ordained Ministers..... | 7 |
| Number of Licensed Ministers..... | 3 |
| Number of Sermons | 417 |
| Number of Calls | 661 |
| Number of Revivals | 8 |
| Number of Prayer Meetings..... | 174 |
| Number of Regenerations..... | 64 |
| Number of Sanctifications..... | 35 |
| Number of Marriages..... | 1 |
| Number of Funerals..... | 4 |
| Number of Baptisms..... | 8 |
| Number of Church Members..... | 106 |
| Number of Members Lost..... | 17 |
| Number of Members Gained..... | 38 |
| Net Gain in Membership..... | 21 |
| Number Prayed With for Healing..... | 46 |

Financial Report

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| Amount for Gen. Supt. Support..... | \$ 29.25 |
| Amount for Evangelists..... | 791.01 |
| Amount for Foreign Missions..... | 519.20 |
| Amount for Home Missions..... | 382.73 |
| Amount for General Church Interests..... | 98.81 |
| Amount for Ministers Support..... | 1810.23 |

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| Amount for Dist. Supt. Support..... | 623.41 |
| Total Amount Received in District..... | 4605.93 |
| Value of District Property..... | 7950.00 |

Sunday School Report

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| Number of Sunday Schools..... | 6 |
| Total Number Enrolled..... | 260 |
| Total Increase for Year..... | 40 |
| Average Attendance | 147 |
| Total Offerings | \$342.29 |

Recess

Moved and supported that we have a recess of 15 minutes while the Examining Committee meet.

Carried.

We were reassembled and as the Examining Committee required more time to finish its work we were adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

FOURTH SESSION—1:30 P. M., March 17

Brother Cox presided, prayer was offered and a song sung.

The minutes were read. Some objection was made to the wording of Resolution No. 2.

Moved and supported that Resolution No. 2 be returned to the Resolution Committee to be redrafted.

Carried.

Resolution No. 2 (As Redrafted)

Resolved that a committee be appointed in each church by their pastor to raise money for home missions and that the District Superintendent act in this capacity in the church where this is no pastor.

(Adopted in lieu of the former resolution.)

Camp Meeting Committee

Moved and supported that the District Council be empowered to appoint the Camp Meeting Committee.

Carried.

Conference Year

Moved and supported that the District adopt the calendar year for a Conference Year in making reports and that the Annual District Assembly be held as near after the close of the year as can be arranged.

Carried.

Time for Assembly

Moved and supported that the District Council decide on the time and place for the next Annual Assembly.

Carried.

Publication of Minutes

Moved and supported that the minutes of this District Assembly be printed and that the District Secretary edit the same and draw on the District Treasury for costs pertaining thereto.

Carried.

Vote of Thanks

Moved and supported that the Assembly extend a rising vote of thanks for the entertainment accorded by the Coeur d'Alene Church.

Carried.

Adjournment was then in order and Brother Cox dismissed us with prayer.

Again as we recall the blessings and victories of the past year we praise God for every advance made. He has been our hope and stay. The cause is His and unto Him is ascribed the glory. Our warfare is not yet ended. As long as sin, sorrow and unbelief ruin and wreck human lives, just so long must we hold up the Christ of Calvary, the only remedy for sin—the only hope of salvation.

Modernism, formality, worldly conformity, indifference and unbelief present walls of difficulty for living faith. Our God is greater than these, but O, may the Church as His instrument tarry until it be endued with power and unction of the Holy One, until every leader, and lay member is thrilled with one mighty impulse of Divine energy to proclaim the Lord's truth. When the Church is filled with the Holy Spirit sinners will be awakened, believers sanctified, and the Church enlarged.

Lord send the power!

LELIA THOMAS,
Secretary.