

MINUTES
of the
FIRST ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
of the
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT
of the
PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH

Held at Pleasant View Church, near Hopeton, Okla., May 17-22, 1927.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY.

J. E. Benjamin.....District Superintendent
G. R. Graves.....Assistant District Superintendent
Eliza Burge.....District Secretary
Harley J. Fortner.....District Treasurer

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

J. E. Benjamin. G. R. Graves. Eliza Burge.
Maggie Hull. Grace Nelson. H. M. Poff.

EXAMINING BOARD.

G. R. Graves Grace Nelson. Belle Bleakley.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. E. Benjamin	Milan, Kans.
Belle Bleakley	Newkirk, Okla.
Eliza Burge	Hopeton, Okla.
C. T. Burgess	Newkirk, Okla.
G. R. Graves	R. R. 10, Box 339, Oklahoma City, Okla.
A. E. Guyer	1502 E. 17th St. Oklahoma City, Okla.
Harley J. Fortner	R. No. 7, Wellington, Kans.
Maggie Hull	Hopeton, Okla.
Grace Nelson	Dacoma, Okla.
A. F. Poff	Dacoma, Okla.
Ethel Poff	Dacoma, Okla.
H. M. Poff	Newkirk, Okla.
S. T. Van Meter	Bethany, Okla.

ORDAINED DEACONESS.

Mrs. G. R. Graves	R. R. 10, Box 339, Oklahoma City, Okla.
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LICENSED MINISTERS.

James Baxter	Hopeton, Okla.
Mrs. R. L. Campbell	Jones, Okla.
R. L. Campbell	Jones, Okla.
A. C. Haltom	Carmen, Okla.
Harvey Murrow	Dacoma, Okla.
Mary J. Ott	Ames, Okla.
Mira Todd	Galena, Okla.
Bobbye Wilson	Mayfield, Okla.
Indiana Williams	Newkirk, Okla.

LICENSED DEACONESES.

Lillie M. Poff	Newkirk, Okla.
Eva Portwood	720 S. M les St., El Reno, Okla.

LAY DELEGATES.

Lillie Poff	Newkirk Church.
Lydia Doty	Hopeton Church.
Mrs. R. L. Campbell	Harmony Church.
J. C. Beard	Pleasant View Church.
M. G. Nelson	Pleasant View Church.
A. C. Haltom	Lone Star Class.

Minutes of the First Annual Assembly of the Oklahoma District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church

The First Annual Assembly of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of the Oklahoma District convened at Pleasant View Church, near Hopeton, in Woods County, on the morning of May 17th, 1927, with J. E. Benjamin, District Superintendent, in the chair. The assembly was opened by a blessed devotional season of song and prayer, after which the District Superintendent read a scripture lesson and commented on same, after which the business of the assembly was taken up.

First in order was the roll call.

Motion was made and carried that the chair appoint committees.

The following committees were appointed:

Auditing: Mrs. G. R. Graves, Mrs. Lillie Poff, Mrs. Mary Ott.

Examining: G. R. Graves, Mrs. Grace Nelson, H. M. Poff.

Finance: G. R. Graves, Harley Fortner, M. G. Nelson.

Resolutions: Mrs. Grace Nelson, Mrs. Belle Bleakley, Mrs. Maggie Hull.

Statistical: R. L. Campbell, H. M. Poff, A. E. Guyer.

Moved and supported that the time for the morning sessions be from 9:00 to 11:30 o'clock and the afternoon sessions be from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock. Carried.

Moved and supported that the first three rows of seats constitute Assembly Bar. Carried.

Moved and supported that we adjourn. Carried.

The afternoon session was dispensed with on account of the funeral of a child of a Free Methodist Brother which was held in the church.

SECOND SESSION, MAY 18TH, (A. M.).

Assembly was opened with the Superintendent in the chair.

After a song service, prayer was offered by Sisters Graves and Doty, and a number of others, after which Brother H. M. Poff brought a very helpful message from Rom. 8: 6.

The roll was called and minutes of the last session read, after which the reading of reports was taken up.

Bros. A. F. Poff and C. T. Burgess being absent, their reports were read by the secretary and were accepted.

Mrs. Eliza Burge read Evangelistic report which was accepted.

G. R. Graves read Unstationed Preachers report, which was accepted.

Mrs. G. R. Graves read Deaconess report which was accepted.

H. M. Poff read Pastors report which was accepted.

Mrs. Grace Nelson read Pastors report which was accepted.

Financial and Statistical reports of Pleasant View Church were read by M. G. Nelson and were accepted.

Mrs. Maggie Hull read Pastors report which was accepted.

Financial and Statistical reports of Hopeton Church were read by Sister Doty and were accepted.

Financial and Statistical reports of Harmony Church were read and accepted.

J. E. Benjamin read Superintendent's report which was accepted.

Motion made to adjourn which carried.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Benjamin.

THIRD SESSION, MAY 18TH (P. M.).

Assembly opened with Superintendent in chair.

After a song service and prayer by H. M. Poff, G. R. Graves brought a message from John 14: 15. God's blessing was on the message.

The roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and corrected.

Sister Belle Bleakley read Unstationed Preacher's report which was accepted.

R. L. Campbell read Unstationed Preacher's report which was accepted.

A. C. Haltom read Unstationed Preacher's report which was accepted.

Mrs. Lillie M. Poff read Deaconess' report which was accepted.

Assembly adjourned to give committees time to work.

FOURTH SESSION, MAY 19TH (A. M.).

Assembly convened with Superintendent in chair.

After a song service and prayer Sister Bleakley brought an inspiring message from Heb. 2-3.

The business of the assembly was then taken up.

The roll was called and minutes of last meeting were read.

Harley Fortner read Pastor's report which was accepted.

A. E. Guyer read Unstationed Preacher's report which was accepted.

Mrs. Bobbye Wilson read Unstationed Preacher's report which was accepted.

The complete report of the Examining Committee, as given below, was accepted by the assembly.

We recommend that A. C. Haltom be granted First Year Preacher's License. We recommend that Mary J. Ott be granted Second Year Preacher's License. We recommend that Indiana Williams be granted First Year Preacher's License. We recommend that Mossie Campbell be granted First Year Preacher's License. We recommend that Lillie M. Poff be granted Second Year Deaconess' License. We recommend that James Baxter be granted third year Preacher's License. We recommend that Mira Todd be granted Third Year Preacher's License. We recommend that Harvey Murrow be granted First Year Preacher's License. We recommend that R. L. Campbell be granted Third Year Preacher's License. We recommend that Bobbye Wilson be granted First Year Preacher's License. We recommend that Eva Portwood be granted First Year Deaconess' License. We recommend that the Assembly ratify action taken by District Superintendent in regard to C. T. Burgess credentials.

(Signed) G. R. GRAVES.
GRACE NELSON.
H. M. POFF.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in a partial report as follows:

Resolved, that our next year's Assembly meet on May 25 to June 5, place of meeting to be selected by the District Council.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Graves.

FIFTH SESSION, MAY 19TH (P. M.).

The afternoon session was called to order by Superintendent.

After singing "Blessed Assurance" and "I Walk With the King" and a season of prayer, Mrs. Bobbye Wilson brought a gracious message from 1st Tim. 1: 12. After which the order of business was taken up.

Roll was called and minutes of last meeting read and corrected.

Moved and supported that recommendations of the Superintendent of the Colorado District, in regard to Sister Bobbye Wilson, be accepted and that Sister Wilson be received into our assembly. Carried.

Moved and supported that Resolution No. 1 be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Resolution No. 2. Resolved, that one Home Missionary be elected by the Assembly. On motion was adopted.

Resolution No. 3. Resolved, that evangelists of our own church be employed in preference to others. On motion was adopted.

Resolution No. 4. Resolved, that active members pay all their tithe derived from ministerial labors into the District treasury to be used for Home Mission

work. Article 109 from the Manual was read and on motion resolution was rejected.

Resolution No. 5. Resolved, that District Council cause to be printed District letterheads of our church; also, that all ministers and deaconesses be requested to use them, the same to be obtained from District Secretary at cost. On motion was adopted.

Resolution No. 6. Resolved, that we, as an Assembly, send greetings to the Kansas Assembly. On motion was adopted.

Moved and supported that the chair appoint a committee to send said greetings and that the Secretary be made chairman of the committee. Carried.

Motion made and supported that Harley Fortner retain possession of Treasurer's books until the Kansas Assembly meets, and that we pay half of his expenses to the Kansas Assembly and that he be authorized to purchase all books and stationery needed in closing up books and accounts. Carried.

Resolution No. 7. Resolved, that we, as an Assembly, show our sympathy to Sister Bleakley in the loss of her husband by a rising vote.

Resolution No. 8. Resolved, that we express our thanks and appreciation to the people of Pleasant View and Hopeton for their loyal entertainment of the ministers, delegates and friends attending the assembly by a rising vote.

Session dismissed by prayer by Sister Burge.

SIXTH SESSION, MAY 20TH (A. M.).

Assembly called to order by Superintendent.

After a song service prayer was offered by Sister Bleakley and H. M. Poff.

After roll call and reading of the minutes of the last session the assembly proceeded with the regular business.

The Statistical Committee reported and the report was accepted and referred to the Secretary.

The election of officers being next in order, the Assembly proceeded to elect the following named officers:

J. E. Benjamin, District Superintendent.

G. R. Graves, Assistant District Superintendent.

Eliza Burge, District Secretary.

Harley Fortner, District Treasurer.

Other members of the Council elected were: Maggie Hull, Grace Nelson, H. M. Poff.

G. R. Graves, Grace Nelson and Belle Bleakley were elected as Examining Board.

Moved and supported that the Examining Board constitute the Educational Board also. Carried.

Moved and supported to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissed by prayer by Sister Hull.

SEVENTH SESSION, MAY 20TH (P. M.).

Assembly called to order by Superintendent.

Prayer by Sister Graves. Bro. W. P. Thomas gave a talk in the interest of the Colorado Springs Bible School.

Roll was called and minutes of last meeting read.

A Board of Trustees was elected, as follows: G. R. Graves, A. F. Poff, Harley Fortner.

G. R. Graves was elected Home Missionary, which concluded the election of officers.

The Committee on Resolutions brought in report as follows:

Resolved, that the Assembly of 1928 meet May 25th to 28th, inclusive, and camp meeting continue over June 6th. Adopted.

The Committee on Finance brought in the following report with recommendations, each article being voted on separately:

1st. We recommend that the Oklahoma District follow the plan for raising the support of the District Superintendent and apportionment as has been used previously by the Eastern Kansas and Oklahoma District. Adopted.

2nd. We recommend that churches be apportioned the following amounts: Hopeton, \$7.00; Newkirk, \$7.00; Harmony, \$7.00; Pleasant View, \$25.00. Adopted.

3rd. We recommend that the churches be assessed the following amounts for District Superintendent's support: Hopeton, \$20.00; Harmony, \$20.00; Newkirk, \$20.00; Pleasant View, \$65.00. Adopted.

4th. We recommend that the churches take a special offering in addition to the assessed amount for the District Superintendent's support at each of his regular visits. Adopted.

5th. We recommend that the ministers of the District, including local preachers and deaconesses, pay all their tithe derived from ministerial labors into the local church treasury; 75 per cent of the amount to be used for Home Missions and 25 per cent for Foreign Missions. Adopted.

6th. We recommend that each church in the District take an offering once each month for Home and Foreign Missions; 75 per cent to be used for Home Missions and 25 per cent for Foreign Missions. Adopted.

7th. We recommend that the District pay not less than \$80.00 for Bro. Solter's support this assembly year. Adopted.

8th. We recommend that all District money be paid to the District Treasurer at least one week before the date set for the Assembly to convene. Adopted.

9th. We recommend that the District Treasurer be instructed to notify each pastor, home missionary and each minister actively engaged in evangelistic work of the financial needs of the Home Missionary field at least once each quarter, and oftener if he deems it necessary. Adopted.

10th. We recommend that the District Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and District Treasurer constitute the Home Missionary Board, which

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shall supervise the distribution of the Home Missionary funds. They shall constitute the Foreign Missionary Board also. Adopted.

(Signed) G. R. GRAVES.
HARLEY FORTNER.
M. G. NELSON.

Moved and supported that Secretary be instructed to write a letter of greeting to Brother and Sister Solter. Carried.

Moved and supported that we have 100 copies of Assembly Minutes printed. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Sister Ott and adopted by the Assembly:

Be it resolved, that we pledge ourselves to stand by and co-operate with our home missionary with our prayers and financial support.

Be it resolved, that we, the First Annual Assembly of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of the Oklahoma District, put ourselves on record as desiring to retain our relationship with our Bible School in Colorado Springs, Colo., and to be loyal to it with our prayers and our means, and to encourage young people desiring a Christian education to patronize our own church school. Adopted.

A blessed spirit of love and unity prevailed throughout the entire assembly.

The business having all been concluded the assembly was dismissed by singing the doxology and prayer.

ELIZA BURGE.
District Secretary.

Statistical Report

Pastor		Number of Members on Roll Last Report																					
		Number Dropped From Roll	Number Transferred by Letter	Number Deaths	Total Removals	Additions by Letter	Additions by Profession of Faith	Total Additions	Present Membership	Number of Tithers	Number of Subscriptions to the "Advocate"	Number of Revivals	Number Professed Renegeration	Number Professed Sanctification	Number Ministers	A. Ordained.	B. Licensed	C. Local	Number Deaconesses	Number Preaching Services	Number Church Prayer Meetings	Number Cottage Prayer Meetings	Total Number Services
Pleasant View -----	Grace Nelson	56	2	1	3				53			1	11	2		1		1		125	30		153
Hopeton -----	Maggie Hull	18							18	4	5	1	6	2	3	2	1			56	13		69
Harmony -----	Harley Fortner	19		2	2				17	7	7	3	6	1	4	2	1	1	1	60	8	5	73
Newkirk -----	H. M. Poff	14				2	1	3	17	17	8	2	3	3	6	3	1	2	1	64	47	32	133
		106	2	3	5	2	1	3	104	21	20	4	26	8	13	8	3	4	2	305	98	37	428

Pastors

	Number of Sermons Preached	Number of Church Prayer Meetings Held	Number Cottage Prayer Meetings Held	Number Calls Made or Homes Prayed in	Number Revivals Held in the P. H. Church	Number Revivals Held Elsewhere, or Off-Charge	Total Number Revivals Held	Number Professed Renegeration	Number Professed Renegeration Off-Charge	Number Professed Sanctification	Number Professed Sanctification Off-Charge	Number of Baptisms	Number Prayed With or Anointed for Healing	Number Marriages	Number Funerals	Number Subscriptions to "Advocate"	Amount Received for Support	Amount of Gifts and Donations Received	Total Support	Do you Tithe?	Do You Place Your Tithe in the P. H. Church?	Are You a Subscriber to the "Advocate"?	Ordained?	Licensed?	Number of Years on Charge	Number of Parsonages	Number of Churches
Harley Fortner, Harmony	74			61	1	1	2					2								yes			yes		7 1/2 mos.		
Maggie Hull, Hopeton	33			24	1	1	2		4		8	5				5				yes			yes		5 2-3	1	1
Grace Nelson, Pleasant View	52			58	1	1	2	11			2	12	2		2	2				yes			yes		5 1/2	1	1
H. M. Poff, Newkirk	25			7								12								yes			yes		7	1	1

Unstationed Ministers
Evangelists or

Belle L. Blackley	25	10	25									35								yes	yes	yes	yes					
Eliza Burge	11		37															\$13.25		yes	yes	yes	yes					
C. T. Burgess	20	4	6									20	2	\$5.23	\$7.50			12.73		yes	yes	yes	yes					
J. Earl Benjamin	50		1	1	10								2	203.63	87.25			290.88		yes		yes	yes					
R. L. Campbell	16	31	210									58		20.00	2.15			22.15		yes		yes	yes	yes				
G. R. Graves	84		80	1	1	3	3	1				42	4	75.50				75.50		yes	yes	yes	yes					
A. E. Guyer	27	1	10	179		2		1				5		1	439.31	103.69		543.00		yes		yes	yes					
A. F. Poff	15		5									6	3					25.00		yes		no	yes					
Bobbye Wilson	70		5	65	2	1	3	19		8		7	1	2	69.54	19.54		89.03		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				
A. C. Haltom	2	2	4	7											7.00	5.00		12.00		yes		no		yes				
	504	3	69	759	4	4	8	35	15	12	10	1	204	5	9	14	820.21	225.13	1045.34						18 3/4	1	3	

**Church
Financial
Report**

	Amount Brought Forward	Offerings Received	Total Cash Received	Paid to Pastor	In Cash	In Donations	Paid to General Superintendent	Paid to District Superintendent	Paid to Evangelists	Paid to District Organization	Paid to District Home Mission	Paid to Charity	Paid to Foreign Missions	Paid to Orphanage Homes	Paid to Rescue Homes	Paid to Bible Schools	Paid on Improvements	Paid for Rent	Paid to Incidental Expenses	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Paid Out	Balance in Treasury	Number Church Buildings	Value	Number Parsonages	Value	Total Valuation of All Property	Total Indebtedness
Pleasant View	\$38.65	\$1,308.98	\$1,347.63	\$199.40			\$11.50	\$60.00	\$193.78	\$20.00	\$12.00		\$50.16	\$76.00	\$84.11		\$490.39	\$13.50	\$121.00		\$1,331.84	\$15.79	1	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	
Hopeton		579.38	555.68	150.19	\$126.59	\$23.60		20.00	175.55		7.00		50.00	60.00	90.00	\$2.50			18.14		579.38		1	1,500.00		\$500.00	2,000.00	
Newkirk		571.87	571.87	160.67			4.50	16.00	140.66		7.00	\$35.00	3.26						10.35	\$170.30	566.72	5.15	1	2,000.00	1		2,000.00	\$381.00
Harmony	6.53	239.80	239.80	207.70			4.60	15.75		5.00			5.00						7.83		245.88	.45						
	\$45.18	\$2,700.03	\$2,714.98	\$717.96	\$126.59	\$23.60	\$20.60	\$111.75	\$199.99	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$35.00	\$108.42	\$136.00	\$174.11	\$2.50	\$490.39	\$13.50	\$157.32	\$170.30	\$2,723.82	\$21.39	3	\$6,000.00	1	\$500.00	\$6,500.00	\$381.00

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