

Thirty Third Annual
Conference Journal

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Pilgrim Holiness Church
(Ontario District)



Proton, Ontario
July 10-11, 1958

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
(ONTARIO DISTRICT)

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Superintendent	Rev. M.H. Snyder 230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
General Secretary	Rev. R.A. Beltz, 230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
District Superintendent	Rev. H.W. Hobbs, Box 356, Durham, Ont.
Assist. Dist. Supt.	Rev. R.T. Holton, Strathroy, Ont.
District Secretary	Rev. Fred Henschen, 367 Pim St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.
District Treasurer	Rev. J.P. Keith, 312 Oakwood Ave., Toronto 10, Ont.
Advisory Members of District Council	Rev. J.W. Bray, Rev. F.A. Hobbs, Rev. Chas. Jackson.

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Educational and Examining Board	Rev. F.A. Hobbs, 1 year Rev. G. White, 1 year Rev. J.W. Bray, 2 years Rev. F. White, 2 years Rev. H.W. Hobbs, 3 years
Committee on Resolutions	District Council
Ways and Means	District Council
District Editor	Rev. J.P. Keith
Church Extension Loan Fund	Executive Council Members
District Youth Director	Mr. Earl Bray, 365A Jane St., Toronto, Ont.
District Sunday School Sec'y	Rev. J.P. Keith

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Ordained

Beltz, R.A.	Indianapolis, Indiana.
Bray, J.W.	Owen Sound, Ontario.
Hobbs, F.A.	Massey, Ontario.
Hobbs, H.W.	Durham, Ontario.
Holton, R.T.	Strathroy, Ontario.
Keith, J.P.	Toronto, Ontario.
Lashbrook, J.W.	Barbados, B.W.I.
Snyder, M.H.	Indianapolis, Indiana.
White, F.	Bruce Mines, Ontario.
White, G.	Bruce Mines, Ontario.

Ordained Deaconesses

Baker, Eileen	Toronto, Ontario.
Bray, June	Toronto, Ontario.
Cornfield, Mae	Oshawa, Ontario.
Hobbs, Mrs. F.	Massey, Ontario.
Hobbs, Mrs. H.	Durham, Ontario.
Lashbrook, Mrs. J.W.	Barbados, B.W.I.
Shaw, Gertie	Lion's Head, Ontario.
Short, Annie	Massey, Ontario.
McMillan, Mrs. M.	Proton, Ontario.

Licensed Deaconesses

Bridge, Annie	Lion's Head, Ontario.
Cole, Audrey	Toronto, Ontario.

Licensed Ministers

Henschen, Fred	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Jackson, Chas.	Massey, Ontario.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bruce Mines	W. Main Street
Pastor	Rev. G. White
Delegate	None
Durham	Mill Street
Pastor	Rev. H.W. Hobbs,
Delegate	Mrs. Wilda Watson
Dyer's Bay	Rural
Pastor	Rev. R.T. Holton
Delegate	Mrs. R.T. Holton
Lion's Head	Ferndale
Pastor	Rev. R.T. Holton
Delegate	Byron Bray
Massey	Castle Street
Pastor	Rev. F.A. Hobbs
Delegate	Miss Gwen Short
Proton	Proton Station
Pastor	Rev. H.W. Hobbs
Delegate	Mrs. Mae McNally
Sault Ste. Marie	367 Pim St.
Pastor	Rev. F. Henschen
Delegate	Mrs. Jane Henschen
Toronto	312 Oakwood Ave.
Pastor	Rev. J.P. Keith
Delegate	Mrs. P.W. Wilson

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

First Sitting

The Thirty-Third Annual Conference of the Ontario District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Canada convened on Friday, July 11, 1958, in the Camp Tabernacle at Proton, Ont.

At 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wesley Chatfield led in the singing of "At the Cross" and "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood". Rev. J.W. Bray led in prayer.

District Superintendent Rev. H. W. Hobbs then introduced Rev. Melvin H. Snyder, the newly elected General Superintendent, to the Conference who brought greetings. After a message in song by the Chatfields, Brother Snyder brought a resume of the recent General Conference, outlining some of the important legislative action that was taken. He commented on the change from one to three General Superintendents, then on the decisive vote to merge with the Wesleyan Methodist connection, and finally the change in General Budget. He also spoke concerning the resolution, "Toward Tomorrow". Five objectives for organized districts were stated as follows: 5,000 gain in membership; 150 new churches in organized districts; annual pastor's conferences in each district; accentuated holiness evangelism; Prayer and Fasting League.

The Conference Secretary was requested to come forward and call the roll. Eleven ordained and licensed ministers and deaconesses and six lay delegates answered to their names.

On motion the bar of the conference was fixed at the first five rows of seats, and the platform in the middle of the tabernacle.

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On motion the time of next sitting was set to begin at 2:00 p.m. and adjourn if possible at 5:00 p.m.

The District Superintendent H. W. Hobbs read his report for the year, and on motion the report was accepted with appreciation.

The Assistant Superintendent J. W. Bray gave a verbal report, and on motion this report was received.

The District Treasurer, J. P. Keith, brought the financial report, and on motion it was gratefully received.

Conference then recessed through expiration of time.

Second Sitting

Conference re-convened at 2:00 p.m. Wesley Chatfield led in the singing of "Jesus Will Walk With Me". Rev. P.R. Doyle led in prayer. The chairman of the conference Rev. M. H. Snyder introduced Rev. H.L. Kielty, President of the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, who brought fraternal greetings, and expressed in behalf of his conference their pleasure at the recent General Conference vote of merger.

Dr. Otho Jennings, President of Owosso College, brought greetings, and further represented the interests of the College.

On motion both representatives were invited to honorary seats within the conference bar. District Statistician, Rev. Fred Henschen, read his report, and on motion it was received with an expression of appreciation from the Chair.

Rev. John Keith, District Sunday School Promotional Secretary gave his report on the

year's progress in Sunday Schools of the District. The report was received by motion after certificate awards were made to Bruce Mines, leader in percentage gain; and to Toronto, leader in numerical gains.

Rev. R. T. Holton, Youth Executive Secretary, reported and on motion his report was received.

The Educational and Examining Board made their report and recommended the following: That Audrey Cole and Anne Bridge be granted renewal of their Deaconess License. That Chas. Jackson be granted renewal of Second Year Minister's License. That Third Year Minister's License be given to Fred Henschen.

This report was on motion received and confirmed.

The Resolutions Committee then made their report and recommended the following:

That Resolution #1 be amended to read - That each local church assist, or pay the equivalent of two days labor for the preparation for the District Camp and Conference when called by the District Superintendent.

That Resolution #5 be amended to read - That one hundred and fifty copies of the Journal be printed and distributed, cost of same to be met from District Administration.

That Resolution #6 be deleted since it is covered by the Manual.

That these words be added to Resolution #11, "And a booth be erected in the corner of the Tabernacle for this purpose".

That Resolutions #12 and 13 be deleted and substituted with the following - Whereas Dominion and Provincial laws require us to have a head office in order to operate under our charter, be it resolved that such office

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be located at 312 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, Ont. and that the Toronto pastor act as manager of such office.

Whereas we note with pleasure the recent decisive vote in General Conference to merge with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and whereas according to the Ontario Religious Institutions Act this must be followed with votes both at conference and congregational level,

Be it resolved that we as an Annual Conference go on record as favoring the merger.

Be it further resolved that as early as possible in the new church year a joint meeting of both Councils be called to implement plans to effect this merger of the Canadian Conferences, if and when it becomes final.

These recommendations were voted upon separately and all were adopted, the last one concerning merger carried unanimously.

The General Superintendent then dealt with the matter of finance, by explaining the operation of the United Stewardship Fund which replaces General Budget.

The Chairman then called for the election of officers, and requested the District Superintendent to appoint tellers. Fred Henschen, Chas. Jackson and J.P. Keith were appointed.

On first ballot cast Rev. H. W. Hobbs was elected Assistant District Superintendent. From nominations made by District Council, Fred Henschen was elected District Secretary on second ballot, and J.P. Keith was elected District Treasurer on first ballot. On first ballot Rev. F. A. Hobbs and Rev. J.W. Bray were elected as advisory members of the Council, and on third ballot, Chas. Jackson was elected as advisory member.

On motion H. W. Hobbs was elected to succeed himself for three years on the Educational and Examining Board.

On motion H. W. Hobbs was elected to represent our Conference as fraternal delegate to the Canada Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

On motion J. P. Keith was elected to the Board of Trustees of Allentown Bible College and on further motion the District Superintendent by virtue of his office was declared the second member of said Trustee Board.

H. W. Hobbs then appointed Rev. Gladys White as Memoirs Committee, and it was mutually agreed that she turn in her report to the Editing Committee of the Conference Journal.

On motion the District Council was appointed to take care of unfinished business, and on further motion it was ordered that the Secretary read the minutes of this Conference to the Council for correction and approval.

H. W. Hobbs read a resolution from an inter-church meeting relative to an inter-denominational Bible School, with their several points of reference. On motion it was decided to defer any action on the part of this Conference, until the outcome of the proposed merger with the Wesleyan Methodist Church is known.

The Committee of Complimentary Resolutions, made their report, and it was received with a rising vote of appreciation.

A motion to adjourn was carried, after which prayer was offered in behalf of Rev. J. W. Bray.

REPORTS

District Superintendent's Report

To our beloved General Superintendent Rev. Melvin H. Snider, to ministers and delegates and friends at this Annual Conference, Greetings.

Annual Conference is a milestone in Church life that seems to focus our attention upon the swift passage of time, which seems to accelerate with the years.

It is like a brief pause between engagements in which the general staff takes a sober look at the battle just past endeavouring to learn everything possible to enable them to begin better to plan the strategy and supply of the one to come.

The year has brought some modest gains:

11% in church membership,
7% in Sunday School enrollment and attendance. Financially God has helped us to make gains and to fulfill our commitments with the exception of a small deficit in District Church Extension. General Church Statistics reveal that Ontario stands third in the church in relation to percentage of general giving to the total church program.

In our project at the Soo our Sunday School has made a good come-back. The Henschens have laboured faithfully to regain the interest lost in the temporary closing of the work.

Material Improvements

In material improvements we list the following:

Massey Church have so far completed their addition as to be able to use the enlarged Sunday School facilities. Work goes on in the remodelling of the auditorium. Financial assistance for this project has been given in the form of a loan from the loan fund authorized at the last Annual Conference.

Lion's Head and Proton Churches and Soo parsonage have been redecorated.

Toronto has added a beautifully lighted outdoor sign to their attractive church.

Bruce Mines have a neat little bungalow beside the church, built by the District with donated labor.

Spiritual Aspects

In the spiritual aspect of our work, I should reiterate words of last year. Personal and Church evangelism is the deep need of our district. I think each church ought to plan, carefully and prayerfully, for at least one good evangelistic effort this year. Though all of us know you cannot organize a revival, we can humbly and diligently prepare the way of the Lord "Whose going forth is prepared as the morning".

I think we as churches ought to go together and secure an evangelist to lead this effort and thus reduce the expense of travel.

Openings for New Work

The last few months have brought new contacts to us that promise new work to be opened this year. Investigations and plans have not progressed far enough for a definite announcement.

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The Future

The recent vote of General Conference in favour of merger with the Wesleyans points to the strengthening of our Canadian church. The Wesleyan Methodist work in Canada and ours is so located as to be able to merge without any overlapping or the closing of any existing church.

To complete this merger will undoubtedly take a minimum of three years. In the meantime we ought to be pushing into new fields and strengthening of our present churches. I believe a new day of greater growth and faith is ahead. Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the work of evangelism and the spread of Scriptural Holiness in this country.

Objectives

I believe God can help us to show in the coming year a full ten percent gain in all departments.

For your understanding, fellowship, and co-operation, we thank all of you. It has been a privilege to serve.

In closing, we present this personal report: I have travelled in district work 10,500 miles, held 17 business meetings and annual meetings, excepting Bruce Mines, received as salary \$40.00 plus travel allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. Hobbs.

Memoirs Committee Report

Myra (Watson) McIntyre

In reverent memory of Sister Myra McIntyre, member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at North Bay, formerly pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness Church at Proton, and co-pastor with her husband at Powossan and Wiarton, who entered the presence of her Lord on Oct. 5th, 1957. Her memory is sacred for the beautiful Christian graces and spiritual gifts which have blessed the church. In our last Camp Meeting (1957) her spirit was an inspiration and a benediction.

Edna Neff (Mrs. Wm.)

Sister Edna Neff, wife of our beloved General Superintendent. We shall ever remember Sister Neff as the truly gracious "First Lady" of our Church whose spirituality, godly wisdom and Christian womanhood will ever inspire as a shining example of the grace of God.

William Clarence Shaw

In reverent memory of William Clarence Shaw, second son of Brother and Sister James Shaw of the Lion's Head Church, who went to be with Jesus on February 21, 1958. Billie's beautiful young life was a blessing to all who knew him, and gave promise of a future of useful service -- a promise which shall now be fulfilled in the Master's own glad presence.

Respectfully,
Gladys White.

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Youth Director's Report

To the members of the Ontario Conference,
Greetings.

Another year has passed for our Youth Society, and during that time we have been engaged in various activities relative to the Young Peoples' groups throughout the District. Last August I attended the Youth Workers' Conference at Frankford, Indiana. In November we had a Convention in Toronto, with Rev. Joseph Brown, his wife and daughters as guest speakers and singers. From forty to fifty young people attended this rally. Again in May we met at Massey with Rev. Eldon Schram of Muskegon, Michigan as our guest. Then last week-end we had our Youth Camp here at Proton. These gatherings all indicated a splendid interest on the part of our Youth. It seems to be no problem to get them to come together even though they are widely scattered. In January I visited each local church with our District Superintendent in the interest of the Youth Work at each church.

We sense the need of stronger local organization, that will augment our financial picture. With the amended legislation at the recent General Conference we hope to work to that end.

During the year as Executive Secretary, I have travelled some 3,360 miles, expenses met at the regular rate for District travel. We are grateful to the District Council for subsidizing us to this extent. We trust that in the near future we can pay our own way.

Confident of a good future for our Ontario Pilgrim Youth, I remain

Respectfully yours,
R. T. Holton,
Executive Secretary.

Summary Report of the District Sunday School
Promotion Secretary

The Conference Sunday Schools showed a gain for the year in spite of the flu epidemic which had damaging results all over.

The Conference gained 22 in total average gain and enjoyed a 7% numerical gain for the year.

The Toronto Sunday School led the gains with a numerical increase of 7, while percentage wise Bruce Mines gained 20%. Awards from the General Sunday School Secretary have been given to these two Sunday Schools.

Respectfully,
John P. Keith.

Standing Resolutions

1. That each local church assist, or pay the equivalent of two days labor for the preparation for the District Camp and Conference when called by the District Superintendent.

2. That each local church supply the parsonage with adequate heating and cooking equipment.

3. That each pastor and the District Superintendent be granted a two week vacation including two Sundays with pay. Pastors who are not on stated salaries shall receive their vacation pay and Camp meeting Sunday offerings equal to their average weekly offering.

4. Whereas the Manual, Paragraph 84, Section 2, reads as follows: The Annual Conference shall reject any recommendation for licensing of any minister who does not practice or teach tithing into the Pilgrim Holiness Church, therefore, be it resolved:

(1) That each month the local treasurer shall forward the pastor's and Evangelist's tithe to the District Treasurer.

(2) That all unstationed or inactive ministers shall support their own denomination and local church financially.

5. That one hundred and fifty copies of the Journal be printed and distributed, cost of same to be met from District Administration.

6. In as much as several of our schools have correspondence courses to meet the requirements of our ministerial candidates, be it resolved that we urge our licensed ministers to make use of the same in pursuing the course of study.

7. That the District Council act as a District Church Extension Committee and have full authority to appoint Home Missionary pastors, select and build on new locations.

8. Be it resolved that the District Superintendent shall appoint the committees that are to function during the ensuing year.

9. As experience has proven that moving furniture by ordinary truck is costly to the pastor, be it resolved that moving be done by regular moving van.

10. That the District Council take steps to provide a bookroom for the sale of holiness literature at the District Camp, and a booth be erected in the corner of the Tabernacle for this purpose.

11. Whereas Dominion and Provincial laws require us to have a head office in order to operate under our charter, be it resolved that such office be located at 312 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, Ont., and that the Toronto pastor act as manager of such office.

12. That the District Treasurer shall close his books for the year as of June 30, and that pastors and local treasurers shall have a grace period of five days in which to ensure that all monies received in the Conference year shall be in the treasurer's hands to be credited as receivable at that date.

13. Whereas we note with pleasure the recent decisive vote in General Conference to merge with the Wesleyan Methodist Church and whereas according to the Ontario Religious Institutions Act this must be followed with votes both at the Annual Conference and congregational level,

Be it resolved that we as an Annual Conference go on record as favouring the merger.

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In view of the excellent services rendered by our evangelist, Brother Doyle and the Chatfields, and in view of the splendid message and manner in which our General Superintendent Brother Snyder has handled the business of this Conference, this committee moves that the Conference body express their appreciation by a standing vote of thanks.

John P. Keith,
Complementary Committee.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

	BALANCE FWD.	RECEIPTS	EXPENDI- TURES	BALANCE ON HAND
District Administration	-174.12	3,120.62	2,560.93	385.52
District Church Extension	844.32	1,777.21	2,814.32	-192.79
Foreign Missions	NIL	1,987.81	1,797.31	190.50
Camp Fund	-552.63	910.69	278.03	80.03
Owosso Bible College	NIL	23.00	23.00	NIL
General Budget	-150.58	870.21	719.63	NIL
General Sunday School	NIL	42.80	42.80	NIL
General Home Missions	NIL	89.42	89.42	NIL
Notes Payable	357.86		357.86	NIL
General Conference Fund	110.96		110.96	NIL
TOTALS	435.81	8,821.76	8,794.31	463.26

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

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	CASH BROUGHT FORWARD	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAID TO DISTRICT TREAS.	TOTAL EXPEN- DITURES	BALANCE ON HAND
BRUCE MINES	6.20	1,158.12	229.48	1,141.79	16.33
DURHAM	122.67	1,583.91	111.14	1,583.91	--
DYER'S BAY	143.66	722.90	33.25	659.29	63.61
LION'S HEAD	403.79	3,454.04	286.86	3,319.76	134.28
MASSEY	682.58	7,319.32	362.84	6,863.56	455.76
PROTON	62.95	3,986.19	601.57	3,936.04	50.15
SAULT STE. MARIE	--	1,091.20	--	1,090.01	1.19
TORONTO	229.17	10,287.73	1,859.28	9,931.80	355.93
TOTALS	1,651.02	29,603.41	3,484.42	28,526.16	1,077.25

PASTOR'S REPORT

	TOTAL SERVICES CONDUCTED	TOTAL PASTORAL CALLS	TOTAL SEEKERS	TOTAL SUPPORT
BRUCE MINES	99	214	2	912.07
DURHAM	107	41	--	978.10
DYER'S BAY	99	53	1	517.52
LION'S HEAD	135	157	1	2,260.45
MASSEY	155	35	5	1,147.00
PROTON	105	88	2	1,698.50
SAULT STE. MARIE	82	150	--	1,175.00
TORONTO	136	400	29	2,723.00
TOTALS	345	1,138	40	11,411.64

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

	MEMBERS LAST REPORT	MEMBERS THIS REPORT	MEMBERS TRANSFERRED	ADDITIONS BY FAITH	DEATHS
BRUCE MINES	10	10	--	--	--
DURHAM	19	20	3	4	--
DYER'S BAY	6	6	--	--	--
LION'S HEAD	23	32	1	--	--
MASSEY	21	19	2	--	--
PROTON	47	47	1	1	--
SAULT STE. MARIE	8	8	--	--	--
TORONTO	33	39	1	6	1
TOTALS	160	171 281	8	11	1

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
		LAST REPORT	THIS REPORT		
BRUCE MINES	4	15	18	144.21	135.09
DURHAM	5	19	16	95.49	63.75
DYER'S BAY	6	29	23	135.40	--
LION'S HEAD	8	75	74	684.19	595.18
MASSEY	10	64	67	435.55	325.56
PROTON	9	48	47	358.14	311.74
SAULT STE. MARIE	4	--	23	76.79	56.01
TORONTO	10	55	62	578.74	448.21
TOTALS	56	305	330	2,508.50	1,935.54

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

	MEMBERS LAST REPORT	MEMBERS THIS REPORT	MEETINGS HELD	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
BRUCE MINES	--	--	--	--	--
DURHAM	--	--	--	--	--
DYER'S BAY	--	--	--	--	--
LION'S HEAD	--	--	--	--	--
MASSEY	--	--	--	--	--
PROTON	33	35	17	58.44	3.05
SAULT STE. MARIE	--	--	--	--	--
TORONTO	--	--	28	66.23	62.31
TOTALS	33	35	45	124.67	65.36

PROPERTY STATEMENT

	CHURCH VALUE	CHURCH DEBT.	PARSONAGE VALUE	PARSONAGE DEBT.	TOTAL EQUITY
BRUCE MINES	3,750.00	--	2,000.00	--	5,750.00
DURHAM	6,000.00	1,000.00	--	--	5,000.00
DYER'S BAY	2,000.00	--	--	--	2,000.00
LION'S HEAD	2,500.00	--	3,500.00	150.00	5,850.00
MASSEY	8,775.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	--	8,775.00
PROTON	3,500.00	--	3,000.00	--	6,500.00
SAULTE STE MARIE					
TORONTO	32,735.00	2,398.45	8,250.00	2,398.45	36,188.10
TOTALS	59,260.00	5,398.45	18,750.00	2,548.45	70,063.10

Camp Meeting
July 3 to 12, 1959

District Conference
July 10-11, 1959
