

Thirty Fifth Annual
Conference Journal

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Pilgrim Holiness Church
(Ontario District)



Proton, Ontario

1960

PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH
ONTARIO DISTRICT

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

General Supt.	Rev. Wm. Neff, 230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
General Secretary	Rev. R. A. Beltz, 230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Ind.
District Supt.	Rev. J. P. Keith, Box 125, R.R.#4, Lansing, Michigan.
Assist. Dist. Supt.	Rev. J. W. Bray, 249 13th St., Owen Sound, Ont.
District Secretary	Rev. F. A. Hobbs, 312 Oakwood Ave., Toronto 10, Ont.
District Treasurer	Rev. R. T. Holton, Postal Station "E", Toronto, Ont.
Advisory Members of District Council	Rev. E. W. Bray Rev. N. Nixon Rev. F. Henschen

Educational and Examining Board	Rev. F. White - 1 year Rev. F. Hobbs - 2 years Rev. R. T. Holton - 3 years
Committee on Resolutions	District Council
Ways and Means	District Council
District Editor	Rev. J. P. Keith
Church Extension Loan Fund	Executive Council
District Youth Director	Rev. F. Henschen, Box 194, Durham, Ontario.
District Sunday School Director	Rev. F. Henschen

MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

Ordained

Beltz, R.A.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Bray, E.W.	Strathroy, Ont.
Bray, J.W.	Owen Sound, Ont.
Henschen, F.	Durham, Ont.
Hobbs, F.	Toronto, Ont.
Holton, R.T.	Strathroy, Ont.
Keith, J.P.	Lansing, Mich.
Lashbrook, J.W.	Barbados, B.W.I.
Neff, Wm.	Indianapolis, Ind.
Newton, F.	Lion's Head, Ont.
Nixon, N.	Massey, Ont.
Shaw, Mrs. G.	Lion's Head, Ont.
White, Miss F.	Bruce Mines, Ont.
White, Miss G.	Bruce Mines, Ont.

Ordained Deaconesses

Baker, Miss E.	Toronto, Ont.
Bray, Mrs. E.W.	Strathroy, Ont.
Cornfield, Miss M.	Oshawa, Ont.
Hobbs, Mrs. F.	Toronto, Ont.
Lashbrook, Mrs. J.W.	Barbados, B.W.I.
McMillan, Mrs. S.	Proton, Ont.
Short, Mrs. S.	Massey, Ont.

Licensed Ministers

Jackson, C.	Massey, Ont.
Richard, W.J.	Bruce Mines, Ont.

Licensed Deaconesses

Cole, Miss A.	Toronto, Ont.
Dunleavy, Mrs. A.	Lion's Head, Ont.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Bruce Mines Pastor Delegate	W. Main Street Rev. G. White None
Durham Pastor Delegate	Mill Street Rev. F. Henschen Mrs. R. Jackson
Dyer's Bay Pastor Delegate	Rural Rev. F. Newton None
Lion's Head Pastor Delegate	Ferndale Rev. F. Newton Mr. Byron Bray
Massey Pastor Delegate	Castle Street Rev. N. Nixon Mr. C. Grose
Proton Pastor Delegate	Proton Station Rev. F. Henschen Mr. C. Watson
Strathroy Pastor Delegate	Strathroy Rev. E. Bray Mr. D. Rolston
Toronto Pastor Delegate	312 Oakwood Ave. Rev. F. Hobbs Mrs. P. Wilson

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

First Session

The Thirty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Ontario District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of Canada convened on Friday, July 8th, 1960 in the Camp Tabernacle at Proton Ontario.

Rev. Earl Bray led in the singing of the hymn, "Have Thine Own Way" and Rev. J. R. Mitchell Camp Evangelist led the Conference in prayer. Rev. John Keith, District Superintendent introduced our General Superintendent, Rev. William Neff.

Rev. Neff recently transferred to this zone of our church, brought greetings from our church leadership, and a most helpful and inspiring message from Philipians 4:1-4.

The District Secretary took his place and proceeded with the roll call which was answered by nine ordained ministers, one licensed minister, one ordained deaconess and six lay delegates. On motion the Conference bar was set at the first five rows of seats and the platform of the Tabernacle. The hours of Conference were set on motion as follows: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Afternoon session 2:00 p.m. until completion of business.

The District Superintendent appointed Rev. R.T. Holton as our Reception Committee. The following were introduced to the Conference and given honorary seats within the Confer-

ence bar: Mrs. W. H. Neff, wife of our General Superintendent. Rev. and Mrs. Maynard of Montreal, Quebec, Rev. J. R. Mitchell of Allentown, Pennsylvania, (Camp Evangelist).

The District Superintendent, John Keith, read his report which was also presented in mimeographed form and distributed to the Conference members. This splendid report was accepted as read and commended by the Chairman for its comprehensive nature and spiritual insight. It was received with a standing vote of appreciation.

The Assistant Superintendent, Rev. R. T. Holton, read his report. It was duly moved and seconded that it be received. Motion carried.

The auditors report, prepared by the District Superintendent was read by the Secretary. It was received on motion and accepted.

A partial report of the Examining and Educational Board was presented as follows: Rev. H. W. Hobbs requests transfer to the West Ontario Conference of the Free Methodist Church. After hearing from Brother Hobbs the transfer was granted.

Rev. Norman Nixon was received by transfer from the Michigan District and on motion was accepted as a licensed minister in the Conference.

Rev. Fred Newton was received by transfer

from the Pennsylvania - New Jersey District and accepted, as an ordained minister, into the Conference.

The Resolutions Committee reported the following policy with reference to our District Superintendent:

(a) Since we are unable to support a full-time Superintendent, we try to continue our present support of \$100.00 per month plus travelling expenses;

(b) That in turn we expect our Superintendent to devote at least half his time to District interests;

(c) That since Brother Keith, if chosen by the District as Superintendent, wishes to take some college work at Michigan State, we agree to his doing so while residing in a parsonage provided by a community church which requires one service each Sunday.

This resolution was adopted by the Conference on a standing vote.

The session adjourned by expiration of time.

Second Session

The second session convened at 2:00 p.m. and opened with the singing of the chorus "Isn't He Wonderful". The Secretary read Philippians 4:1-10 from the Phillips translation and it was commented upon by Rev.

Neff.

Rev. Earl Bray led the Conference in prayer.

The minutes of the first session were read, corrected and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Superintendent in the absence of the Treasurer. It was received as read.

The Examining and Educational Board presented its completed report as follows: Recommended for ordination at this Conference Fred Henschen and Norman Nixon. Reinstated upon her request from ordained deaconess standing to ordained minister, Mrs. Gertrude Shaw. Renewal of licensed ministers credentials, Charles Jackson, W. J. Richard. Renewal of licensed deaconess credentials, Mrs. Anne Dunleavy and Miss Audrey Cole.

Arising out of the acceptance of this report, the Conference voted to hold an ordination service at 10:30 a.m., July 10th and the Ordination Council to be appointed by the District Council.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we have a ten minute recess.

Sister Gladys White of the Memoir Committee presented a very fine report which lack of space, unfortunately, prevents being printed in detail. The following are the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord from our midst this past year: Mr. Charles Shaw, Lion's Head; Mrs. Isaac Waugh, Lion's

Head; Mr. Lorne Atkinson, Proton; Mrs. Robt. Bates, Proton; Mr. David Chapman, Proton.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following report on camp grounds, its location and development.

Possibilities to be investigated:

- (a) Remain at Proton and replace dormatory and dining hall facilities;
- (b) Rent for 1961 another camp;
- (c) Explore costs and possibilities for a new camp location;
- (d) Superintendent to conduct a referendum on the District regarding relocation of camp or development of present site;
- (e) It was suggested from the Conference floor that Council be empowered to implement item (a) as funds were available - the findings on remainder of the report to be reported to next Conference for further action.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was presented as follows: Resolved we continue the financial arrangements of last year namely that total receipts of the local church be tithed for District interests, United Stewardship Fund and Bible College budget. Carried.

Conference now proceeded to the election of officers. J. R. Mitchell, H. W. Hobbs and Brother Maynard were chosen as tellers.

Rev. J. P. Keith was elected District Superintendent; Rev. J. W. Bray, Assistant Superintendent; Rev. F. Hobbs, Secretary; Rev. R. T. Holton, Treasurer; Rev. Earl Bray, Rev. Fred Henschen and Rev. Norman Nixon, Advisory Members of the Council.

Mr. Allen Baker was elected as District representative on the Board of the Allentown Eastern Pilgrim College.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that District Council be authorized to take care of unfinished business.

Moved that Conference be adjourned, it was so ordered and Rev. Neff dismissed the Conference with prayer.

REPORTS

District Superintendent's Report

To the thirty-fifth annual Conference of the Ontario District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church: Greetings in the Name which is above every name!

We gather together to do business for the Lord in the midst of world shaking events. The atomic-age is bursting about us with a feverish activity which before our grandchildren die, unless the Lord should come, may take us to the edges of the cosmos. However, with many others, I fear that much of this excited anticipation that seeks to reach out to new space frontiers is another escape mechanism by which a God-rejecting, materialistic human race is attempting to flee from its own frustration and spiritual inadequacy. This great contrast in modern man between nuclear strength and moral weakness brings us to the significance of church work in this disturbed picture. It is the task of the church to be awake to the world's ever effervescing situation and provide intelligent spiritual leadership to bring its disturbed masses to the unchanging Lord who alone can bring fulfillment to man's essential nature.

To those who serve the Lord, life is always more than routine. This 1960 Conference is not just another meeting. We are not met only to discuss the administrative details of this District; it is more than that -- a dispensation of the Gospel is committed to

us. On each of us, limited as we may feel, rests the awesome responsibility to make this church the effective spiritual force God Himself wants it to be. Any lack of vision, faithfulness, or courage on the part of any of us will stunt the ministry of the Ontario District, and of the Gospel itself.

For weeks now I have searched my soul for Divine guidance in the matters now pressing us for decision. There have been countless hours of prayer and objective thinking. These hours have not beclouded my vision for the District, nor have they dismayed my firm faith in the ability of our Heavenly Father to see us through for His Glory alone.

I focus your attention upon some living words from Joshua Chapter Three. The quotation is an ellipsis of verses 3, 4 and 5.

"When ye see the Ark of the Covenant...

Then ye shall...go after it.

There shall be a space between you and it...

For ye have not passed this way heretofore."

"Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord Will do wonders among you."

The business which is placed before you in this Conference is staggering and it will demand nothing less than devout courage. The very fact that we "have not passed this way before" makes good men afraid. It is not sinful to be afraid. It is only sinful

not to act when it is our responsibility to act. When the Church has no longer a cause to fear, it has already lost the ability to see. The greatest days of triumph in both the Old and New Testaments was when fear gave birth to prayer and people were moved to do exploits in the Name which is above every name. It was not until "the feet of the priests were dipped in the brim of the water" that the people went over dry shod.

THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US IN THIS CONFERENCE IS THAT WE SHALL DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO GET OUR FEET WET, SO TO SPEAK, IN ORDER THAT -- "TOMORROW THE LORD WILL DO WONDERS AMONG YOU."

Past Year's Report:

The year has held many duties which I have tried to discharge to the best of my abilities, for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. I have greatly appreciated the kindness shown me by our pastors and laymen. Many have been the words of encouragement which have helped to lift a measure of the burden that was mine to carry. Such heartfelt and sincere kindnesses have led me to believe that nowhere on earth are there any better Pilgrims to be found.

Among the highlights of this year's activities have been the dedication of two churches on our District. The church at Strathroy was completed and dedicated.

The road ahead of this church will not be

easy, but I predict that their future, under God, will be victorious and I would not be surprised if in the not distant future that church will become one of the largest and strongest in our Ontario work. The remodeling and expansion of the Massey church was completed and dedicated this Spring. With its new facilities this church should be in a better position to serve the Lord in the "North Country".

The work on these churches has been accomplished by much personal sacrifice by the pastors of the respective fields. They have labored long and hard and often with little appreciation for their labors. To them it has been a ministry of love to the Church of Jesus Christ. Their rewards are yet to come.

In most cases every church on the District has registered gains, as good revivals on the fields helped raise the tenor of the spiritual life. However, much ground is yet to be covered. This Spring a very successful Youth Convention at which numbers of young people were converted, was held at Massey. It is rewarding to note some substantial results from that meeting, which might well play an important part in the future of this District.

I have travelled 12,000 miles in District coverage this year. All the churches were visited at least twice with two exceptions, Durham and Dyer's Bay churches each having one visit. This lack was caused by my pastoring the Toronto church and being unable to meet with these churches at suitable times. I held all the annual meetings with

the exception of the Strathroy church which was held by the Assistant Superintendent. I did, however, supervise the calling of the pastor on that field. There will be two new pastors coming into the Conference at this time and I trust that they will strengthen our ministerial setup. Both of these men are graduates of our Bible Colleges in the States. Brother Earl Bray is reassuming pastoral activities and has been called to the Strathroy church.

A great deal of time this past year went into the negotiations concerning merger between the Standard and the Pilgrim Holiness Church. We had hoped that by such a merger there would come a strengthening of our witness in Ontario, and with these hopes in mind, I unstintingly labored to effect such a merger. As perhaps you all know by now, the Standard Church decided to postpone for at least three years any further negotiations with any denomination. The failure of this proposed merger has brought about the realization that the work of the Lord in Ontario is not entirely contingent on a merger for strengthening our witness. The battle is the Lord's, in the final sense, and whether we be few or many matters not save to obey the Lord and continually move forward. We do not know all things! It is possible that such a merger would have been a greater hindrance than a blessing.

Current Obligations:

For the first time in years the financial picture of our District's growth is phenomenal. A study of the comparison sheet shows

that in the past three years the income of the District, not counting loan monies, has almost tripled. The total income from all departments shows a gain from \$6,857.26 in 1957-58 to \$28,728.75 for the year 1959-60.

Added income in this District has been reflected in the increases of our outgo. The District is beginning to assume its normal share of our Churches load. For the first time in years, possibly in the history of the District, we have paid our United Stewardship commitments in full. This is a notable advance. We have not completely paid our Eastern Pilgrim College budget but we think in the coming year we will be able to do so without undue pressure on our financial structure.

The District has had to borrow a total of \$14,000.00 which went towards the completion of the Strathroy Church. One note is for \$10,000.00 from an interested person in the U. S. A. The balance is made up of four \$1,000.00 from interested persons in our District. The arrangements for repayment of this money is as follows: The note for \$10,000.00 from the States requires the annual payment of interest at 5% and the final sum to be paid upon demand by the individual loaning the money. It is understood that, all things being equal, the money will be allowed to stand at least three years before such a demand is made. The four \$1,000.00 notes were due and payable last September. Due to the failure of the Ontario District to receive benefit from the Pilgrim Pension Loan fund as had been anticipated, we were forced to request an extension of these

loans. This was graciously granted and the District paid the full interest due on all these loans. At the present time the District has been able to save only a portion of the money needed to repay these notes. It will be necessary to request a further extension of the payment period or secure a loan elsewhere to cover this obligation. The final payment of this sum of \$14,000.00 plus interest will have to come from the Strathroy Church as soon as it is able to assume this load and can locate the mortgage money from some mortgage company. It is hoped that this will be achieved within the next two years.

We have just completed the first year under our revised Budget structure. There have appeared some weaknesses, which will have to be changed or strengthened after further study. The main weakness in the system is in the area of tithing money given to Foreign Missions. It would be relatively easy to make this change but the loss of income would have to be compensated from some other source, this is not always easy to do. I do hope and pray that in these adjustments, patience will be shown which will make the adjustments so much easier to effect.

The Task Before Us:

The future is as great as we will make it. We are our own greatest hindrances. The years ahead will be challenging ones to say the least, but victory is assured.

The District will have to make final decision concerning the Camp problem. In such a

decision there will be people on both sides of the issue; however, Christians are great enough to make some real compromises and find a solution which will not only be to the benefit of the District as a whole but will redound to the Glory of God. In making such a decision we should keep in mind the various needs which a camp will serve. There is need for a Children's Camp and a Youth Camp as well as a Camp for adults. To find a solution for these needs is not beyond us and we should close ranks in making this further step of progress.

Another field which needs study is that of District supervision and co-ordination. It is extremely difficult for a man to have divided attention and be successful in both fields. One or the other will have to take a lesser place. This has been the case in this District and the results point up this weakness. As soon as possible there needs to be purchased a District parsonage and a full time Superintendent serving the field. There will of necessity be many adjustments if this is to be accomplished, but the time has come when we need to take steps in this direction.

A carefully thought-out District promotion program should be put into effect in the near future. I suggest that as soon as possible District sponsored coverage by radio or other media be instituted in areas where we have Pilgrim Churches, in an endeavor to let people know a little more about our ministry in Ontario.

At this point it would be very easy for me

to present these matters without any personal recommendation. I would be a farce if I did so. Even though this program presented and its potentialities are far beyond my capacities to implement, I do nonetheless recommend the approval of each item which will come before this Conference. I make this recommendation also because I believe it is the right and only thing for us to do at this time.

There is no such thing as courage and faith without there first being fear. The first chapter of Joshua exhorts four specific times, "Be strong and of a good courage." There is however, a secret attached to these words. I quote the secret:

"I will be with thee:
I will not fail thee,
Nor forsake thee."

In the light of this verse, I for one am now ready to put my feet, "In the brim of the water," convinced that, "Tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

May God Bless you and your efforts for the advancement of His Kingdom.

Respectfully,

John P. Keith,
District Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

To the thirty-fifth annual Conference of the Ontario District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church: Greetings in Jesus' name.

Throughout the year I have endeavored to discharge in a dutiful manner the responsibilities laid upon me as Assistant to the District Superintendent.

These responsibilities have not been heavy, consisting of conducting of one annual meeting, and conferring with the District Superintendent from time to time.

In conclusion, I give thanks to God for His grace which has been my portion.

Respectfully,

R. T. Holton,
Assistant
Superintendent.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

	Balance Fwd.	Receipts	Expendi- tures	Balance on hand
District Administration	439.47	8,603.80	7,649.64	1,393.63
United Stewardship	62.00	1,387.25	1,449.25	NIL
Foreign Missions	185.56	5,752.53	5,898.09	40.00
Eastern Pilgrim College	NIL	355.61	355.61	NIL
General Conference Fund	NIL	248.52	110.50	138.02
Camp Fund	-19.75	1,169.44	1,105.29	44.40
Loan Fund	NIL	11,190.00	11,190.00	NIL
Pilgrim Pension Plan	NIL	21.60	NIL	21.60
	667.28	28,728.75	27,758.38	1,637.65

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

	Total Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Bruce Mines	1,427.75	1,412.62	15.13
Durham	1,325.47	1,300.47	25.00
Dyer's Bay	970.72	952.56	18.16
Lion's Head	5,991.11	5,681.10	310.01
Massey	12,242.36	12,132.13	110.23
Proton	4,394.51	4,302.15	92.36
Strathroy	2,691.77	2,900.71	-208.94
Toronto	15,397.24	15,119.02	278.22
	<u>44,440.93</u>	<u>43,800.76</u>	<u>640.17</u>

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

	Members Last Report	Members This Report	Transfers	Faith
Bruce Mines	10	12	1	2
Durham	18	11	9	
Dyer's Bay	7	9		2
Lion's Head	21	20	1	
Massey	22	21	1	
Proton	42	46		4
Strathroy	18	19		1
Toronto	43	49		6
	181	187	12	15

PASTOR'S REPORT

	Total Services	Total Calls	Seekers	Support
Bruce Mines	89	248	7	886.60
Durham	51	50	0	771.65
Dyer's Bay	46	--	3	495.18
Lion's Head	91	--	0	2,427.00
Massey	161	275	0	3,180.00
Proton	57	170	4	2,140.00
Strathroy	51	--	0	--
Toronto	168	--	18	2,600.00
	714	--	32	12,500.43

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

	Average Last Report	Average This Report	
Bruce Mines	25	31	
Durham	12	16	
Dyer's Bay	24	30	
Lion's Head	66	65	1
Massey	77	67	1
Proton	54	54	
Strathroy	21	24	
Toronto	110	135	
	389	422*	

*Average gain 33.

PROPERTY STATEMENT

	Total Debt	Total Equity
Bruce Mines		5,750.00
Durham	500.00	5,500.00
Dyer's Bay		2,000.00
Lion's Head		6,000.00
Massey	4,000.00	10,000.00
Proton		6,500.00
Strathroy	22,000.00	13,000.00
Toronto	7,940.00	37,245.10
	<u>34,440.00</u>	<u>85,995.10*</u>

*Last year's equity \$80,753.10.

Camp Meeting

July 1 to 9, 1961

District Conference

June 30, 1961
