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CONVENTION SEAL

Designed by L. Venchael Booth,

Executive Secretary

A PRAYER FELLOWSHIP HYMN

By L. Venchael Booth

Sung at the first Annual Session, Philadelphia, Pa. — 1961

Dedicated to The Progressive National Baptist Convention

To be sung to the tune: "God of Grace and God of Glory," by Harry E. Fiedick

We have come from o'er the nation
 Seeking Fellowship and Peace,
 We are truly God's creation —
 And our love shall e'er increase,
 We shall stand firm and united —
 We spread from shore to shore,
 We spread from shore to shore.

We believe God's Holy Spirit
 Taught us safely o'er the way,
 For our God we shall inherit —
 Peace and glory day by day,
 Precious God our Holy Father —
 Lead us safely, gently on,
 Lead us safely, gently on.

Grant us grace amid oppression
 When the foe assails our way
 Save us from unwise aggression —
 May our footsteps never stray,
 Make us holy with Thy Spirit —
 As we walk this pilgrim's way,
 As we walk this pilgrim's way.

Help us yield our great Convention
 To Thy Holy Spirit's power,
 May no wicked intervention —
 Mar the beauty of this hour,
 Holy Spirit lead and guide us —
 In the path of peace and love,
 In the path of peace and love.

THE ORIGIN OF THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Progressive National Baptist Convention is largely an outgrowth of dissatisfaction over "TENURE" and the office of Executive Secretary in the National Baptist Convention, Inc. The meeting which culminated in a new organization, was called at Cincinnati, after several previous meetings had been held by outstanding ministers in the National Baptist Convention, Inc. over a period of years.

The first of these meetings was held in St. Louis, Mo., in the Washington Avenue Tabernacle Church of which Dr. John E. Nance is pastor. At the meeting, several prominent ministers met for the purpose of bringing about a solution to the problems that were confronting our Convention at the time. We pledged ourselves to work within the framework of our Convention with out any suggestion of withdrawing ourselves from the Convention. We only expressed ourselves as to how we felt about the existing conditions of the Convention. Expressions were made and published about this meeting which created much dissatisfaction in the Convention's official ranks. Instead of the meeting improving conditions, greater opposition became apparent.

The following meetings of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. were destined to widen the breach. In Denver, Colorado, we spent a whole session seeking to prevent the election of officers by vote of state delegations. The following year in 1957, when we convened at Louisville, Ky., a chair thrown session brought great disgrace to our Baptist Family. The two succeeding sessions marked a repeat in Baptist confusion in both Philadelphia, Pa. and Kansas City. By this time, more than 50% of the convention had pledged itself to support Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, distinguished pastor from Brooklyn, N. Y. as President. Dr. Taylor was defeated after a decision which resulted to the advantage of his opponent, Dr. J. H. Jackson.

The Reverend L. V. Booth of Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio led the convention at Kansas City, determined to call a meeting and allow the opposition to make a clear choice between tyranny and freedom, and confusion and peace. Before many of the messengers had reached their homes, a letter went out calling for all interested in Peace, Fellowship and Progress to attend a meeting in November. This was followed by a second letter in October urging fellow pastors to come to Cincinnati. His invitation met with opposition from some of the strongest pastors in the nation. Among these were men who were trusted, revered and respected. Very few could see then the wisdom and divine inspiration and unselfishness of his call.

The Cincinnati Meeting drew representatives from 14 States with a total of 33 delegates. After a formal opening, it was decided that Dr. J. Raymond Henderson, of Los Angeles, California would preside over the business session. Dr. Henderson requested that we withdraw from the Sanctuary of Zion Baptist Church to its Chapel where only registered messengers would participate. This request was unanimously accepted. After serious deliberation, no spokesmen were allowed to close the discussion. Dr. Marvin T. Robinson, of Pasadena, California spoke against organizing at this time, and Bart L. Booth of Cincinnati, Ohio spoke for organizing. When the vote was taken by ballot and counted, the group to organize had won by "one" vote. Every member, every church and convention that registered in the Cincinnati meeting were committed to "Tenure."

DR. J. CARL MITCHELL

Foreword

Having been inspired by an early theme of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, "The new look in Baptist Convention progress," and seeking for new approaches to the great work, which we have collectively undertaken, we have endeavored to compile, produce and release these Third Annual Minutes in June at our National Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress instead of following the tradition of releasing the minutes at the convention in September. We consider this to be a step forward.

This volume contains a record of activities of the convention and its auxiliaries for the calendar year 1964. (Note: The Recording Secretary was unable to get the Minutes out for the Congress because the Eastern Regional Minutes were not made available in time. They are recorded in this book as an insert in color upon the suggestion of the Executive Secretary. They were also edited by him.) Included are the First Planning Conference in St. Louis, Mo., the Midwestern Regional Convention in St. Louis, Mo., the Southwestern Regional Convention in Oklahoma City, Okla., the Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress in Chicago, Ill., the Third Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga., the Inspirational Meeting of the Midwestern Regional Convention in Milwaukee, Wis., and the Southern Regional Convention in Sumter, S. C.

It is obvious that the recording secretary can compile and print only the material which is given to him. Therefore, it is urgent and imperative that presidents of the Regions and the auxiliaries be punctual and cooperative in sending their records to the recording secretary for compilation.

A sincere "thank you" is extended to those who sent their material in on time. The secretary has tried to do a good job for the convention and is grateful for the privilege of serving in this capacity.

S. S. HODGES,
Recording Secretary

CONSTITUTION OF THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

As Adopted In Its First Annual Meeting
Convening With
The Baptist Churches Of Philadelphia, Penna.
Union And Shiloh — Headquarters

SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1962

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR. J. CARL MITCHELL, Secretary

Historic Background

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization is THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II OBJECT

The object of The Progressive National Baptist Convention is to encourage, promote and support evangelism, education, necessary publications, missions, stewardship and freedom, along with such other Christian work as the Convention may select.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Membership in The Progressive National Baptist Convention shall be representative, individual and honorary.

SECTION B. Representative membership shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Churches, Pastor's Conferences, District Associations, State and Regional Conventions.

1. Representative membership may be obtained:

a. By Baptist Churches with not over 200 members paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention a fee of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00).

b. By Baptist Churches with more than 200 members but not over 500 members paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention a fee of not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

c. By Baptist Churches with more than 500 members but not over 1,000 members paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention a fee of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

d. By Baptist Churches with over 1,000 members paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention a fee of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

e. By Baptist Pastor's Conferences paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), annually.

f. By District Baptist Associations paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00), annually.

g. By State Conventions paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), annually.

h. By Regional Conventions paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention a fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), annually.

1. By paying the required fee listed in Section A, Part 1 of this Article, each Church, Pastor's Conference, District Association, and State Convention shall be entitled to send two messengers to the sessions of this Convention. Churches may obtain extra messengers by paying the Enrollment and Finance Committee heretofore, a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each additional messenger. Provided, however, they are not to exceed ten messengers. Pastor's Conferences, District Associations and State Conventions may obtain extra messengers by paying to the Enrollment and Finance Committee heretofore, a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each additional messenger. Provided, however, they are not to exceed 10 messengers each.

2. All the fixed amounts mentioned in Article III, Section B are minimum amounts for membership in the Convention, but in keeping with a Church's interest in the objectives of the Convention she may give as much as she can raise in any one year to the budget of the Convention.

3. Minimum representation fee entitles each Church to represent her pastor and nine additional messengers.

4. Individual membership may be obtained by any person who is a member of a Baptist Church in good and financial standing with this Convention. Individuals described above may pay to the Enrollment and Finance Committee of this Convention the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) and receive a membership herein, said membership shall be honorary but not for participation.

a. Non-Pastors over 80 years shall be exempted from dues and become an honorary member with the privilege of participation.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS—ELIGIBILITY—TENURE

SECTION A. The officers of this Convention shall be President, Vice President at Large, 4 Regional Vice Presidents (The President of the Convention will be Regional Vice President in his region), Executive Secretary, Recording Secretary, two or more Assistant Secretaries, Corresponding Secretary, Auditor, Treasurer, Statistician, Historian, Attorney, Editor and Director of Publicity.

SECTION B. Any delegate in good and regular standing with any Baptist Church holding membership herein shall be eligible for any office in this Convention.

SECTION C. All officers are to be elected to serve for a one year period at a time. No officer may serve in the same capacity more than two consecutive years, except the Executive Secretary who shall be the continuing annually elected officer and therefore not subject to tenure, but nominated by the Executive Board of the Convention.

1. After serving the full length of allowed time there must be a two year waiting period before the said person is eligible for election to that same office.

2. All officers, except the Executive Secretary shall take office following their election at the end of the regular annual session of the Convention in which they were elected.

3. The Executive Secretary shall serve in his office until the first Executive Board Meeting following the Annual Session of the Convention.

a. The purpose of which is to allow the new Executive Secretary to become acquainted with the duties of his office.

SECTION D AUXILIARIES TO PARENT BODY

1. Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress
2. Women's Auxiliary
3. Laymen's Movement
4. Usher's Convention

5. Music Convention
6. Moderator's Council
7. Veteran's Movement

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A. The duties of the officers of this Convention shall be as here-in-after stated and also such other duties as are indicated by the name of their office

SECTION B. The Stated Duties of the Officers Are:

1. **PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside over all meetings; have power to call special meetings; appoint committees to assist him in carrying out his duties; be chairman of the Board of Directors; be the official representative of the Convention upon matters approved by the Convention; sign all checks with the Treasurer and Secretary.
2. **VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE:** The Vice President at Large shall have all of the duties and powers of the president in his absence. In the event of the presidency becoming vacated, the Vice President at Large shall assume the duties of the President. To be successor to the Office of President, he must give up his office as Vice President at Large.
3. **REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS:** The regional Vice Presidents must reside in the regions in which they represent. The Regional Vice Presidents are equal in position, and either has power to serve in the position of Vice President at Large, in his absence.
4. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for planning registration and arranging for receipts of all Convention funds remitted to the Treasurer of this Convention; keep accurate books and records of his dealings; devote full time to his duties; furnish bond to the Convention in an amount to be fixed by the Convention; his books must be audited by the auditor of this Convention; he shall issue receipts and receive receipts for all monies collected, spent or turned over to other officers.
5. **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Receive and answer all correspondence for the Convention, send out notices of all meetings. The Corresponding Secretary will reside near the City of the President of the Convention.
6. **RECORDING & ASSISTANT SECRETARIES:** The recording secretary shall have in his charge all records and books, except those used by the Treasurer and Executive Secretary; keep regular minutes of all meetings; the Assistant Secretaries shall be general assistants to the Recording Secretary.
7. **AUDITOR:** The Auditor shall have full and free access to all books and accounts of the officers and boards or any other individual or group handling finances of this Convention; said access shall be for the purpose of examining said books and accounts upon reasonable notice. An annual examination shall be made of all books before the annual session of the Convention.
8. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall issue a receipt for all monies turned over to him; pay out money only upon orders signed by the President and attested by the Executive Secretary; keep official records of all monies received and disbursed; his books and records must be audited by the auditor of this Convention; furnish surety bond to this Convention in an amount to be fixed by the board of Directors; at each annual meeting submit a written, itemized report of receipts and disbursements to be distributed to messengers.
9. **STATISTICIAN:** The Statistician shall gather statistical data for the denomination as represented by this Convention.

10. **HISTORIAN:** The Historian shall gather and keep in custody historical data bearing on this Convention.

11. **ATTORNEY:** The Attorney shall be legal advisor and legal representative for this Convention.

12. **EDITOR:** The Editor shall be responsible for news publications for the Convention.

13. **DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY:** Shall be responsible for the dissemination of public information pertinent to the Convention and its related interest.

ARTICLE VI VOTING QUORUM

SECTION A. All officers of this Convention shall be elected to serve for a period of one year by ballot.

SECTION B. All voting shall be done only by messengers to this Convention. Each messenger shall have one vote.

SECTION C. Two-thirds of the messengers of the Convention assembled in any session shall constitute a quorum, and that quorum shall be able to expedite and transact any and all business of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

SECTION A. This Convention shall have the following Boards: 1. Board of Education, 2. Board of Directors, 3. Home Mission, 4. Foreign Mission, 5. Benefit Board, 6. Sunday School Board, 7. Baptist Training Union Board.

SECTION B. All of the Boards, except the Board of Directors are to be made up of fifteen members who are to be elected by the members of this Convention at the Annual Session. Each Board, except the Board of Directors, will elect its own officers subject to the approval of the Convention.

SECTION C.

1. All Boards will be responsible to the Board of Directors during the interim. The Board of Directors shall be the body charged with the duty of seeing that the object and purpose of this Convention are carried out. It shall have charge of setting bonds. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to recommend to the Convention to reprimand, suspend or dismiss officers for conduct unbecoming their office.

2. The Board of Directors shall consist of all elective officers of this Convention in addition to all of the State Presidents of State Conventions affiliating with and representing in this Convention along with 8 others elected by this Convention.

SECTION D. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, consisting of the President, Treasurer, Executive Secretary and four other members to be elected by the members of this Convention. The Executive Committee shall have power to transact any urgent matters demanding immediate attention of the Convention, and then report the same to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors to the Convention. The Executive Committee shall also be under the supervision of the Board of Directors, during the interim.

SECTION E. Members of the Boards under this article may not serve more than two consecutive years. After serving for the above stated time they will not be eligible for election to the same office for a period of two years.

SECTION F. All actions of the Boards are subject to approval of the members of this Convention.

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ARTICLE VIII FUNDS

SECTION A The representation fees and monies received by the Enrollment and Finance Committee shall therefore be turned over to the Treasurer and receive receipts from him for all amounts turned over to him.

SECTION B Due to the questionableness of human society, the Treasurer and Executive Secretary of this Convention shall be bonded.

ARTICLE IX ANNUAL MEETING

SECTION A In the event the Convention is not able to determine the time and place while in session, these matters will be determined by the Board of Directors in the first session after the close of the regular session of the Convention.

SECTION B This Convention shall not be held in the same State two consecutive years unless there should arise an emergency that should make it necessary and imperative that the sessions should be consecutively repeated in the same State.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution can and shall be changed if notice is given and the proposed amendment and/or amendments are read during any one of the first day's sessions of the Convention and considered and voted on not later than any one of the second day's sessions and must receive a two-thirds majority vote of the messengers in the session when the vote is taken.

APPENDIX

1. All officers elected during this formative period shall be eligible to hold office four years, provided they are elected each year. No officer presently holding office shall be eligible to be elected consecutively each year beyond 1966.

2. The Work of the Executive Secretary will be carried on by the Recording Secretary and The Executive Committee until funds are available for an Executive Secretary.

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Dean	Rev. J. H. Nichols (N. Y.)

Chairman Rev. John A. White (N. J.)

Planning Conference, April 21, 1964

The Planning Conference assembled in First Baptist Church, 3100 Bell Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, Rev. William Conn, Pastor, at 9:45 A.M.

Dr. T. M. Chambers, President, called the meeting to order and presented Rev. R. L. Patterson, Washington, D. C., to conduct devotions. Rev. Patterson gave the call to worship and led in singing "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross." Rev. Perry Smith III read the 133rd Psalm and led in prayer. Rev. Patterson gave a brief devotional message on Christ's promise to be with us always. He closed the devotional period by singing the last stanza of the same hymn.

President Chambers made preliminary remarks. He expressed appreciation for the presence of all the brethren. He has been sick, but his mind is as progressive as ever. All suggestions or complaints should be put in writing and submitted to the proper group for study. Some of the issues, which have been brought to him are women preachers, Sunday School literature, the relationship of auxiliaries to the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and interconvention fellowship. He suggests that we give \$1,000.00 to Bishop College, Dallas, Texas. This gesture will attract many Pastors and churches in Texas to our convention. He had promised to give an expression of appreciation to Rev. J. C. Mitchell, the first recording secretary of the convention and to Rev. Louis Bawls, first treasurer of the convention, for their service to the convention. This he had failed to do so far, because of illness.

The President gave a discourse on "The Bible Speaks On Preaching." He gave several Greek words, taken from the New Testament, which are translated and interpreted as preaching. Some of the terms may describe the type of preaching or witnessing which women or laymen may do; but the Apostles were men and named. The apostolic ministry was definitely masculine. All terms in Paul's qualifications for a bishop are masculine.

Dr. Gardner Taylor, Vice-President-At-Large, was presented to preside. He requested that all present stand and give their names and churches. A total of forty-one persons were present (Others arrived later.) He stated that this is a time for prayerful study.

PRESENT

Dr. T. M. Chambers, Calif.
Dr. L. V. Booth, Ohio
S. S. Hodges, Ohio
L. S. Sorrell, Miss.
Chas. Glasco, Ill.
J. E. Nance, Missouri
O. M. Locust, Penn.
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Dr. C. V. Johnson, Ill.
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Wm. C. Upshaw, Ohio
Wm. Lambert, Ill.
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Hugh A. Patrick
Chester Dixon, Ill.
Mrs. Helen Dixon, Ill.
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J. C. Austin
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J. J. Koger, D. C.
L. Johnson, Mich.
Finis Austin, Ill.
Stroy Freeman, Ill.
John Nichols, N. Y.
Mrs. Minnie Bruce, Ill.
K. L. Brazil, American Bible Society
Jesse Hill

Dr. L. V. Booth, the Executive Secretary, was called upon to read the various committees and the chairmen. There are five areas for study: Education Committee, S. H. James, Chairman; Education Committee, Melvin Watson,

Chairman; Publications Committee, E. E. Chappelle, Chairman; Committee on Social Concern, W. J. Hodge, Chairman; Committee on Missions, W. W. Taylor, Chairman.

The body was dismissed to meet in the five committees, named above, for study.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. C. S. Stamps conducted devotions. He led in singing "Draw Me Nearer" and read for the Scripture Lesson Luke 16:1-40. "What A Fellowship" was sung, accompanied by Rev. John Williams at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Stamps. Devotions were concluded by singing the last stanza of "What A Fellowship."

Dr. Gardner Taylor, the Vice-President-At-Large, made appropriate remarks concerning the necessity of a planning conference, because we are at the cross roads. He complimented the persons who have come to this meeting, at their own expense, for the purpose of planning. This is the first time Negro Baptists have done this. The reports from the committees will be given, but not for debate. The committee chairmen will continue. President Chambers has promised to give adequate time in Atlanta for discussion and approval.

The Budget Committee was called to report. Rev. S. H. James, Chairman of the Committee, presented Rev. John F. Williams to make the report. The report was based on a letter from Rev. Thomas Kilgore, who was originally named as Chairman of the Budget Committee. Annual representation will be eliminated and all churches send up during the year, fifty cents per member. In the case of churches, which do not send up money during the year, they will be allowed to represent at the annual session.

Rev. Melvin Watson, Chairman of the Committee on Education, presented Rev. William Bransford to report for the committee. Several questions were asked concerning the list of schools to be supported.

Rev. E. E. Chappelle, Chairman of the Publications Committee, presented Miss Esther Fishburn, Secretary of the committee, for the report. The Convention needs to provide literature for its constituent churches. The publishing business now requires large capital investment. A Publication Board should take steps toward the publication of literature prepared by our writers. A denominational paper should be published quarterly by the Editor. All minutes should be sent to the Recording Secretary and he would prepare and send to the Board of Publications for printing.

Rev. W. J. Hodge, Chairman of the Committee on Social Concern, made his report. Areas of concern with which our churches should be concerned are all areas of life. 1. Civil Rights: voting, job opportunities, education, and Federal legislation. 2. War and Peace. 3. Poverty. 4. Management and Labor. 5. Health and Welfare. 6. Youth Development. 7. Ministerial Welfare. 8. Population explosion. 9. Separation of Church and State.

Rev. W. W. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee on Missions, presented Rev. A. Edwards, Secretary of the committee, for the report. The Progressive National Baptist Convention should have a division of missions, with a National Home Mission Board and World Missions. The Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau is invited to become an integral part of the convention and handle the World Mission Program. The Bureau should amend its charter so it can become an integral part of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. The Department of Evangelism be put under the Home Mission Board.

Rev. Finis H. Austin raised a question as to what we are doing about the Chaplaincy. Rev. Booth explained that Dr. E. L. Harrison, Washington, D. C., is our representative for chaplains.

Vice-President Taylor named Rev. W. W. Taylor Chairman of the Committee on Missions to give further study to the committee reports and write them for presentation at the annual session in Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Booth requested that the secretaries of the committees be added to the Planning Committee. This was agreed upon by all. Vice-President Taylor named the Recording Secretary of the Convention to the Continuing Committee. The audience gave Dr. Taylor a hearty applause as he took his seat, giving way to President Chambers.

President Chambers complimented the Vice-President-At-Large for his ability and loyalty to the convention. He reminded us that he is interested in getting more churches in the convention. He spoke of the need for publicity—pictures and stories. He urged all present to attend the Pre-Convention Musical at Washington Tabernacle Church this evening.

Rev. C. S. Stamps moved and several brethren seconded the motion that we extend thanks to Pastor Conn and the First Baptist Church for the privilege of meeting in their church. Motion adopted.

Closing prayer by Rev. Cromwell.

Report of the Publications Committee

DR. E. E. CHAPPELLE, CHR.

St. Louis, Missouri — 21 April 1964

May we preface this report with two statements:

One from Dr. O. M. Locust, Sr.

"Our Convention is young, but its youthfulness does not lessen its obligation to provide our constituency with ample publicity and literature for the use of member churches. The achievement of these ends must of course be exercised with obvious consideration for the present and growing demand for the same, the proper preparation of the same by competent writers in the matter of training and experience, and the cost of publication and circulation."

The other from Dr. G. K. Offutt:

"Recent technological improvements in the area of bulk printing have made it practically impossible for small printing plants to survive. In our city alone, a printing concern doing a gross business of \$150,000.00 a year was forced to close, due to inability to compete in the printing and publishing market."

"We consider and concede therefore, the impropriety of our convention entering into this type of business."

In the light of the foregoing statements, we present the following recommendations and suggestions for consideration on our Publications problem:

1. That the Convention establish a Board of Publications or Christian Literature. This Board is to be composed of the President and Dean of the Congress and Presidents or representatives of the auxiliary bodies of the Convention—The Women's Auxiliary, Laymen's Organization, Youth department, and the four Regions. In addition to these, the Secretary of Religious Education elected by the Convention and as many members at large as the Convention deems necessary.

2. That we look forward to putting into the hands of our constituency a complete line of basic literature for the purpose of our program in Religious Education, by 1966. This will give time for the Editor-in-Chief to select his staff, choose format and perfect materials for publication.

3. That we hear the offers of the Publishing Houses we are now negotiating with and use our findings for study and then present a recommendation to the Convention.

4. That an Editor-in-Chief of Publications be recommended by the Publications Board to the Convention for approval.

5. In the event that a central point for distribution of literature, suggested by the publishing companies, does not meet with our approval, that the Convention locate a clearing house for all religious literature in one of the most strategically located cities, preferably in the mid-west.

6. That we have a Denominational quarterly publication by the Editor.

7. That the minutes of all the Departments be forwarded to the Recording Secretary to edit for publication.

8. That literature for the member churches should include the Sunday School, Church School, the R. T. U., the B. Y. F., the Missionary Society, literature for the Brotherhood and any other printed material that may be needed from time to time.

9. That the Board of Publications be empowered to elect a Secretary of Publications and their choice be recommended to the Convention for approval.

The above recommended suggestions were submitted to the Summit Conference

prior to the sessions of the Mid-Western Regional Convention at First Baptist Church. Rev. Conn, Pastor.

COMMITTEE:

Dr. Wm. C. Upshaw

Dr. G. K. Offutt

Dr. C. W. Johnson

Dr. T. R. Washington

Dr. S. S. Hodges

Dr. Charles A. Hill

Dr. O. M. Locust, Sr.

Dr. P. Smith

Dr. E. E. Chappelle, Chairman

Miss Esther L. Fishburn, Acting Secretary.

Minutes of the Midwestern Regional Convention ST. LOUIS, MO — APRIL 22, 1964

The Second Midwestern Regional Convention of the Progressive National Baptist Convention met April 22, 1964 at 9:00 A.M. in Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, Rev. John Nance, Pastor.

Rev. William L. Lambert, devotional chairman, called the meeting to order. He read Gal 6th Chapter. Rev. C. H. Faulkner was presented for a service.

Dr. C. V. Johnson, Regional Vice-President, was presented. He invited the Vice-President-at-Large and Regional Presidents to the rostrum. He expressed his determination to meet in St. Louis and his appreciation to Dr. Nance for the privilege of meeting in Washington Tabernacle. Preparations for the Progressive National Baptist Congress in Chicago are moving forward. The Progressive National Baptist Convention is rapidly winning new members in Illinois.

Rev. Wm. L. Lambert led the convention in singing "Higher Ground." President Johnson called for a panel to discuss the theme, "The New Challenges of The Baptist Church." The members of the panel are Rev. L. S. Sams, Mississippi, chairman, Rev. Patterson, D. C., Rev. Leon Davis, Ill., Rev. K. L. Brazil of the American Bible Society.

Rev. Leon Davis was the first speaker. He saw the challenges as: (1) The infiltration of sin and the lack of church discipline. (2) The world-wide ecumenical movement. (3) Disunity within our Baptist ranks. Rev. E. L. Patterson, the second speaker, thought there were three new forms of challenges to the Baptist Church. (1) Leadership in the Civil Rights struggle. (2) Positioning ourselves in regards to the world population explosion. (3) Cooperative Christianity. Rev. K. L. Brazil, the third speaker, said the challenges are: (1) Evangelism. (2) Stewardship. (3) Submission to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The panel discussion was very stimulating.

President Johnson asked Rev. W. W. Taylor to serve as alternate to Dr. Stroy Freeman who was to preach the Introductory Sermon. Rev. Wm. Lambert led in singing, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Rev. W. W. Taylor gave way for Dr. J. C. Austin, Sr. to serve as the alternate, since Dr. J. C. Austin was programmed to serve.

Dr. Austin, with choice words, presented Dr. Stroy Freeman, President of the Baptist State Convention of Illinois. His text is Ephesians 4:13, subject, "New Frontiers of Christian Principles." There is one God; one universe, one book—the Bible—the only rule and guide for Christianity. Christian principles bring unity. Preachers are under a charge to preach under all circumstances.

Rev. Wm. Lambert led the convention in singing, "What A Fellowship." Convention offering \$25, received by W. W. Taylor. Offering for meals \$39.25, received by Earl Nance and C. S. Stamps. Plates passed for Rev. H. H. East St. Louis. Amount \$21.45.

Dr. John Nichols, President of the Moderators Council, announced a meeting for the Moderators downstairs at 2:00 P.M. Mrs. Arbouin, President of the Women's Auxiliary, announced that the women will meet at Central Baptist Church at 2:00 P.M.

Regional President C. V. Johnson presented Dr. Gardner Taylor, Vice-President-at-Large. He noted that this convention moves on time. The opening Conference on yesterday will give Negro Baptists an opportunity they have never had before. A ship has no control over the tide, but it can be a worthy. The Progressive Baptists intend to be a sea worthy ship and make a long safe journey.

Rev. H. W. Nicholson, who will preach on Thursday, was introduced. Rev. J. D. Provo from New Hope Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, stated that he is the only one in his state who has come out for the Progressive Convention, but he feels that if a Regional Convention is held in Oklahoma, Oklahoma will turn to the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Rev. Samuel H. James, President of the Southwestern Regional Convention, confirmed the fact that a Regional Convention will be held in Oklahoma City at Rev. Provo's church. The date will be decided here at this meeting.

Closing hymn, "We're Marching to Zion"

Benediction by Rev. Stroy Freeman.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 22, 1964

Rev. Jacob W. Mahomes opened the afternoon session at 2:15 P.M. by singing "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour." Prayer by Rev. Mahomes. The congregation sang "I Am Thine O Lord" with Rev. John Williams playing the piano accompaniment. The scripture lesson Eph. 6:10-18 was read by Rev. Johnson. Rev. Wm. Lambert directed the singing of "Yield Not to Temptation."

President Johnson called Reverends R. T. Davis, S. H. James, and R. H. Cromwell as a panel to discuss the theme: "Our Baptist Witness to the New Frontier." Rev. Davis said that God has some strong preachers who are able to be pioneers. Baptists must know the way they are going. Baptists are building on the foundation—Jesus Christ. Rev. Cromwell said that sin represents all the frontiers against which Baptists must witness. Rev. James said that redeeming the time is the pressing need of the hour. We must redeem the time in regard to our Baptist fellowship. We can do this, not by criticizing others, but by being good and holding up the light.

Rev. Lambert directed the convention in singing, "Lift Him Up."

Dr. E. E. Chappelle, Kansas City, Mo., delivered an inspirational address, "Working for a Better World." We can all work for a better world. (1) The foundation of God has been laid. We can see the trade marks of God. (2) We ought to see the pattern by which this world is to be built. Our blueprint is Jesus Christ. (3) We ought to give the best we have to live up to the blueprint. We as Baptists, once again, have the opportunity to see the untarnished blueprint.

President Johnson introduced Rev. H. H. Coleman, who will preach Thursday morning. Rev. Wm. Lambert lined the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have." The congregation stood and sang fervently. Rev. Wm. Conner presented Rev. E. B. Phillips, Wisconsin, for the afternoon sermon.

Rev. Phillips read I Peter, 2:5, 4:12-19. Subject, "Saving Religion is Spiritual in its Nature." Saving religion can be seen, for the light of God shines through us. This religion relates to conduct toward God, man, and in the church. One may have much Biblical knowledge and a high morality, and yet be without saving grace. If God be for you, who can be against you? This was a very inspirational message.

Rev. G. W. Reed, Kansas City, 87 years old, gave a testimony and sang, "I Love the Name, Jesus."

Rev. W. W. Taylor and Rev. C. S. Stamps received the offering for the convention. Amount \$21.50. Rev. Stroy Freeman received the offering for Rev. E. B. Phillips. Amount \$18.11.

President Johnson presented Dr. J. C. Austin, representative of the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau. Dr. Austin presented Dr. Cromwell, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau. Dr. Cromwell appealed to the Baptists to give for the building of a hospital at the Pilgrim Mission Station in East Africa. The immediate amount needed is \$15,000 to initiate the work of building the hospital. Dr. Cromwell presented Mrs. Margaret Smith, Field Representative of the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau. Mrs. Smith made a very touching appeal for support of the Bureau in building the hospital in East Africa. Rev. H. J. Trapp, President of the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau, added his words to the appeals already made.

Monies and pledges received for Foreign Mission Bureau are as follows:

PLEDGES:

Rev. A. T. Shelby—First Timothy—5533 S. Wentworth, Chicago, Ill.	\$ 26.00
Rev. J. M. Burrell—Prince of Peace Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio	100.00
Rev. E. Cameron—Second Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas	100.00
Rev. E. Cameron—405 Ashford, Hattiesburg, Mississippi	25.00
Rev. H. Coleman—Greater Macedonia—Detroit, Michigan	400.00
Rev. J. N. Wordlaw—Mt. Hebron—Chicago, Illinois	50.00
Rev. Leon Davis—Douglas Park	50.00

Total Pledges Received for Foreign Mission Bureau.....\$750.00

CASH MONIES RECEIVED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Rev. H. Rhodes—4325 W. 21st Pl., Chicago, Ill.	\$ 5.00
Rev. J. C. Austin, Sr.—3301 S. Indiana, Chicago, Ill.	20.00

Rev. Matthew Thomas—Pilgrim Rest—1901 W. Washington.....	5.00
Rev. C. V. Johnson—El Bethel—5623 Lafayette, Chicago.....	15.00
Rev. H. H. Coleman—Greater Macedonia—Detroit, Mich.....	100.00
Public Offering.....	18.00

Total Cash.....	138.00
Pledges.....	750.00

Total.....	\$888.00
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Rev. Trapp emphasized that the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau is the Foreign Mission Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. President Johnson urged all the men to go to Oklahoma City for the Southwestern Regional Convention. They need our encouragement. Closing hymn: "What A Fellowship." Benediction by Rev. E. B. Phillips.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 22, 1964

Dr. John F. Nance, host pastor, presided at the Welcome Program. Many representatives of religious, civic, political and business organizations extended greetings and warm words of welcome and challenge. Choirs of Tabernacle and Central Baptist Churches rendered musical selections. Rev. E. R. Williams, Chicago, Ill., gave an excellent response to the Welcome Program.

President Johnson presented Rev. K. L. Brazil to present Mr. Nelson A. Harris of Nelson A. Harris Associates, Architect and Church Builder.

The convention stood and sang "Amazing Grace." Dr. T. M. Chambers, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was presented for the evening sermon by Regional President C. V. Johnson.

President Chambers commented very favorably on the pre-convention musical program and the welcome program. Subject: "From Fig Leaves to Fig Coats." Gen. 3:1-21. Satan entered into a dialogue with Eve to increase her knowledge. Animals are intelligent, but not rational. Animals have no shame for their misconduct. Dogs are intelligent and can be trained. A man is intelligent. He knows his way back home. He knows which side of the log to pull on. He knows his stall. The inadequacy of the first garment is the inadequacy of the second garment. (a) Man-made. (b) Design. Aprons. (c) Inadequacy in durability. (d) Inadequacy in cost. Humanity's scheme of self-righteousness. The adequacy of the second garment: (A) Adequate in construction. (B) Adequate in design. (C) Adequate in durability. (D) Adequate in cost. The atonement. A lamb slain. A great sermon.

Rev. Wm. C. Upshaw and Rev. Stroy Freeman received the convention offering. Amount \$13.21. Rev. L. V. Booth received the President's offering. Amount \$28.41.

President C. V. Johnson announced the Fellowship Breakfast Thursday 8:00 a.m. and a free lunch at 12:30 p.m. furnished by the David C. Cook Publishing Co.

Benediction by Rev. Dixon.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1964

The second Annual Fellowship Breakfast was held in the Dining Room of Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church at 8:00 A.M. At the conclusion of meal, Dr. C. V. Johnson announced that in the absence of Dr. C. M. Tally, a person present would introduce himself and someone could give a testimonial. Dr. T. M. Chambers, President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, asked the secretary to read a letter from Dr. Wm. Holmes Borders, Atlanta, Ga., giving some general information on the plans and accommodations for the annual session to be held in Atlanta in September. The contents of the letter were received with much joy. President Chambers made several comments. Rev. R. W. Collins, toastmaster, asked that we have a few moments of prayer for President Chambers' safe return home.

Rev. William L. Lambert, the devotional leader, requested that all would walk silently up to the sanctuary to begin devotions. In the sanctuary Rev. Lambert led in singing "Draw Me Nearer." Rev. John F. Williams

ously rendered the accompaniment on the piano. Prayer by Rev. T. R. Washington. Song, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Rev. Charles A. Hill, Michigan, was presented for a meditation. His message was based on Joshua 8:1, "Be Strong and of a Good Courage." Song, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

A panel composed of Rev. W. W. Taylor, Chr., Rev. Louis Johnson, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., Rev. W. D. McClung, Pastor of New Grace Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and Rev. L. K. Jackson, Gary, Indiana, was presented to discuss the theme, "The Role of the Church in Matters of Civil Rights." Rev. Louis Johnson, the first speaker, said our struggle for civil rights should be based on the Word of God more so than the Constitution of the U. S. The church must be out in front rather than applauding what other organizations are doing. Our concern must not be limited to America, we owe a debt to the struggling Africans, who are striving to advance.

Rev. W. D. McClung: "The ministers' role in civil rights. Many ministers are not registered to vote. The church must do something for the people and not something to them. The ministers' conduct must be above reproach so he will have influence in the struggle for civil rights."

Rev. L. K. Jackson: "America was born out of the womb of hypocrisy. The Pilgrims were bigots; Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, was a slave holder. You can't beg and fight at the same time. We need to practice brotherhood among ourselves, before we can be united in the fight for civil rights."

President C. V. Johnson allowed Rev. Richard A. Dixon, Sr. to speak on the work of the National Goodwill Commission.

Dr. L. V. Booth, Executive Secretary, was presented for his report. He read 1 Cor. 16:9 and took for a subject, "Challenges for the Progressive National Baptist Convention." He outlined a long list of cooperative opportunities offered by the American Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptists have invited him to meet with their representatives in Atlanta to work out areas of cooperation. The American Baptists have contributed \$40,000 to Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. to help keep it open. The drive for Morehouse College has been disappointing. Steps have been made toward our recognition in national and world organizations. Our Treasurer, Dr. W. H. R. Powell, has sent a telegram giving our balance as \$4,672.70.

Rev. S. H. James, President, announced the Southwestern Regional Convention will meet in Oklahoma City, Okla., Thursday night and all day Friday, June 11-12, 1964. The host pastor will be Rev. J. D. Provo, New Hope Baptist Church.

Rev. Wm. L. Lambert directed the convention in singing "Amazing Grace." Rev. S. D. Edwards presented Rev. H. H. Coleman, Detroit, Michigan, for the sermon. Subject: "Without A Preacher." Text: Romans 10:14. "When he began preaching 58 years ago the emphasis was on death, judgment, and hell. He announced his call to the ministry to his pastor by saying, 'I want to preach.' These words have motivated his life. Religion is an abiding awareness that there is a Supreme Being. The civil rights struggle is to convince white people that Negroes are men in the meaning of the Declaration of Independence. The preacher is never outmoded. He cannot be evaded;—Dives—Saul of Tarsus. He has the key." A very inspiring message.

The offering for the convention was received by Rev. W. W. Taylor and Rev. Louis Rawls. Amount \$23.15. The offering for Rev. Coleman was received by Rev. C. S. Stamps. Amount \$34.25.

Benediction by Rev. H. H. Coleman.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 23, 1964

Before the opening of the afternoon session, Rev. John F. Williams played a medley of organ music.

Rev. F. L. Porter opened the afternoon session by singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Yield Not to Temptation." Prayer by Rev. Louis. Song, "I Am Thine O Lord."

President Johnson called for a report from Rev. Charles A. Hill, Chr. of the Sunday School board, and Mr. English, Representative of the David C. Cook Publishing Co. Rev. Warfield, an employee of the David C. Cook Co., presented Mr. James English. In general he proposed to offer the entire facilities of the

David C. Cook Publishing Co. to publish our Sunday School literature. The literature would be prepared according to our specifications in art and comments. Office space will be provided. The proposal is on a 80/20 per cent basis financially. Twenty per cent of the profits from the sale of literature to Progressive Baptist Churches will be turned over to the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Dr. G. K. Offutt, President of the Congress, was presented for his report. He stated that preparations for the Second Annual Progressive National Sunday School & B. T. U. Congress in Chicago are being made and every indication points toward a very successful congress. Dr. Wm. C. Upshaw, Dean of the Congress, spoke of the increase in the number of courses to be offered. He also emphasized the need for training for Christian service.

Dr. T. Robert Washington, President of the Eastern Regional Convention, was presented for greetings. He had enjoyed the Mid-Western Regional Convention. The devotions, inspirational addresses, and sermons have been the best.

Rev. Louis Rawls spoke of a documented statement on the separation of church and state, which he had prepared.

Mrs. Minnie L. Bruce, Vice-President of the Women's Auxiliary, reported on the successful session held by the women. Mrs. Helen Dixon gave the financial report. Total \$307. Mrs. Bruce presented Mrs. Wm. L. Lambert, the newly elected president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Midwestern Regional Convention. Mrs. Lambert presented her cabinet: Mrs. W. W. Taylor, first Vice-President; Mrs. Farrell, second Vice-President; Mrs. Forner, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Taggart, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Porter, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. C. Austin, Treasurer.

Rev. Lambert led the convention in singing "Amazing Grace." Rev. O. B. Rush introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. H. W. Nicholson from East St. Louis, Ill. Rev. Nicholson read Mt. 20:1-16. "The Work and Wages of the Kingdom." The importance of the kingdom of heaven. All in the kingdom must work. All who work will be paid. God himself has called us. No preferences in the kingdom. No time limit.

Rev. Stroy Freeman received the offering for the convention, Amount \$15.25. Rev. Louis Rawls received the offering for Rev. Nicholson, Amount \$23.04.

Benediction by Rev. Nicholson.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1964

Rev. F. L. Porter conducted a song service. Dr. S. A. Owen, Tennessee, led in prayer, followed by more congregational singing.

The First Baptist Church Choir sang a selection. The Youth Choir from New Jerusalem Baptist Church sang.

Rev. E. R. Williams, III, presented a purse of \$50 to Mrs. J. E. Nance, the Directress of Music for the Pre-convention Program. Mrs. Nance responded graciously to the gift.

Dr. L. V. Booth, Executive Secretary, gave a very inspiring statement of information on the preparation being made in Atlanta, Georgia, for the entertainment of the Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Dr. S. A. Owen was presented for remarks. He spoke very highly of the Baptist Manual authored by Dr. T. E. Huntley, Pastor of Central Baptist Church of St. Louis. The St. Louis Usher's Chorus rendered two musical selections.

President Johnson presented Dr. S. D. Edwards, Secretary of the Dept. of Religious Education of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, for the final sermon of the Regional Convention. Dr. Edwards announced that Dr. Huntley's Baptist Manual has been certified to be used in Course No. 440B.

Dr. Edwards chose for his subject, "Thought," based on Matt. 6:31, 32. God was the first being to think. He thought before there was a world. To think pessimistically leads to thoughts of bad luck. To think sickly leads to sickness. Evil thoughts hinder worship for true worship must be in spirit and truth. Positive thinking helps one accomplish what he wants. Jesus spoke from a clean heart.

After closing remarks by the President, the speaker pronounced the Benediction.

REPORT AND SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS of the COMMISSIONER of EDUCATION PRE-MID-WESTERN REGIONAL SESSION TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1964

To the President and Board Members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, it is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation to the President, Dr. T. M. Chambers, the Executive Secretary, Dr. L. V. Booth for having asked me to come to this meeting with some concrete suggestions for the future of our Convention.

I feel that the world at this hour knows that Dr. L. V. Booth was led by the Holy Spirit in calling the pastors of the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., to meet with him in Cincinnati, Ohio for the purpose of organizing a Convention that would have as its purpose, to promote and operate a Convention whose sole purpose would be:

1. To promote missions, education, evangelism, and brotherly love.
2. To have a Convention that will stand for tenure for the major officers.
3. To free ourselves from dictatorship and hierarchy.

This has been accomplished, for which all thinking Baptists in America would be grateful.

The hour has come for us to give to this Moses, Dr. T. M. Chambers, and Joshua, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, and to Paul, Dr. L. V. Booth our absolute support for the purpose of furthering the Kingdom of God in America and in the world through admonition of our Lord Jesus Christ, based on St. John Chapter 17—"That they all may be one as we are one." This cannot be accomplished without the prayer and support of every dedicated pastor, laymen, women, and children who make up the constituency of our Convention.

As I account to you for my personal stewardship, before I offer any suggestions, I wish to state the following:

I have enjoyed every moment spent with this Convention from the day of inception until this day. I am now willing to offer myself again, to serve in any capacity, at any time that you may see I am fitted for. Without giving you dry statistics, I will give you a brief sketch of my activities since leaving Detroit. I have attended several meetings and churches speaking in behalf of the program of missions, education, and evangelism, with major emphasis on Christian education.

January 20, 1964, I went to Washington, D. C. to the N. A. E. Convention Board of Administration meeting; I also attended the International Student Council which convened for five days dealing with education, prayer in public schools, religious institutions, and separation of church and state, which resolution will follow in this report.

February 5, 1964, thru February 7th, I attended the "President's Prayer Breakfast" in Washington, D. C., and for two days shared with the religious leaders from all over the country and even foreign countries in trying to analyze the role of the minister and the church in the political life of America in the days that lie ahead.

February 25 thru February 28, I attended the Eastern Region of the N. A. E. Convention at Williamsport, Pa., at which time we dealt at length as to what the religious schools and colleges would play in the future in the light of the Bill that is now pending before Congress to subsidize the Christian Schools and Colleges, which means that if the Bill is passed that the government will do what to teach and preach in the near future. Therefore, the church must now separate from the state as it was founded by our forefathers.

I have been asked to speak before the Missouri Senate at Springfield, Mo. as to where we stand in our relationship to the World Day of Prayer, Religion, Bible in Public Schools, and the future support as our Christian Colleges in America.

I have also been invited to speak before the State Convention of the N. A. E. with pastors of all denominations including the Catholics in Des Moines, Iowa, May 13, 1964. Therefore, you can see that I have taken my appointment seriously and prayerfully. A detailed report of my activities will be given at the Convention in our Annual Session in Atlanta, Ga., September 5-11, 1964.

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

I. That we would reaffirm our stand on TENURE,*and that we will not allow personality, friendship, or sympathy to change our stand on TENURE.

A. Tenure makes for harmony.

B. Tenure eliminates concentrated power, politics, and hierarchy in public office.

C. Tenure allows for the promotion of the CAUSE of an organization rather than personalities.

II. That this Convention thru its President, Executive Board, and Executive Secretary, would work out a strong program on evangelism, religious education, and the preaching of the Gospel.

III. That we would reaffirm our faith and efforts in the promotion of the LAYMEN of our churches in the program of our Convention.

IV. That we would urge each pastor and church to place in their budgets this Convention and thereby become a monthly contributor.

V. That this Convention would state the colleges and seminaries that are going to support and allow the Commissioner on Education to raise money for said schools during the year and report the same to the Convention at its annual meeting.

VI. That we would recommend to the Women's Auxiliary headed by Dr. Auboin that we would support a program of world relief in conjunction with other denominations that are supporting it. An example of such support is illustrated by the N. A. E. Convention and this is being done at the local level by one commission.

VII. That this Convention would not enter into the publishing business at this time and at no time in the near future. The experience we have had of the expense of publishing and publishing boards as well as my personal experience for 18 years as a printer. The cost is prohibitive, but I do suggest that we will give careful consideration to the opportunity we have, both in quality and financial gain, as well as competitive prices with David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, Illinois. They have the means, the know-how and the resources to produce first-class literature; under our Convention cover which in reality, we are doing the printing without the headaches, and confusion.

VIII. That this convention would clear all of its financial obligations and meet them on a budget plan, worked out by the President, Executive Board, and Executive Secretary.

IX. That this Convention would have a strong media of publicity and advertisement, using every opportunity that is available by radio, television, news, evangelistic programs, newspapers, magazines, and any opportunity to get the Convention before the public, to let the world know local, national, and international what we stand for and what God has put upon our hearts to give direction to this troubled world in such a time as this.

X. That this Convention, through its President, Executive Board, and Executive Secretary would work out a strong church extension program to help the local churches of our Convention in their struggle from loss of real estate, fires, storms, sabotage, and unscrupulous mortgage sharks, and to cope with mobility, flight, blight, and problems of church integration.

A. The so-called Negro preacher will have to recognize that there is a need on the part of many of our pastors for new techniques in the handling of a congregation of all races.

B. There is a need for church extension to look into the site for the placing of new churches.

C. The inner city church with its increasing problems needs to be analyzed for the benefit of many of us who find ourselves pastoring in an urban situation.

D. It is unbelievable the price most non-white churches pay for mortgage; repairs; remodeling, and re-construction of their places of worship and religious education institutions.

XI. Since we as a race know very little about our history and the contributions made to the furtherance of Christianity by Baptists, that we would on record as affirming our President Dr. T. M. Chambers' recommendation that Dr. T. S. Boone, assisted by others, would write a book on such contributions.

XII. That this Convention will go on record supporting all movements, organizations, and the men of Congress in their pursuit to gain full citizenship for all peoples of America and the world regardless of race, creed or color.

XIII. I believe that the Progressive National Baptist Convention either now or in the near future, should have its own Foreign Mission and Home Mission Secretaries and Boards separate and distinct from the Foreign Mission Bureau, and that they should be kept separate and distinct from the Foreign Mission Bureau. And if the President and Executive Secretary deem it necessary to operate through the Foreign Mission Bureau, that it should be done in the form of grants rather than control.

XIV. That this Convention would operate through commissions and that the commissions and elected officers would report to the Convention in the annual session. However, the commissions Chairmen and elected officers, except the President, shall first report to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. This would make for harmony and avoid friction in the General Assembly, because the laymen and the masses do not understand, many times, what we differ and yet we are together.

XV. Since the Progressive National Baptist Convention is a Progressive National Baptist Convention, and since we have tenure, I believe that all retiring officers should be used as members of the Board of Administration or the Executive Board in order to profit from their rich experiences and to help undergird the newly elected officers in furthering the program of God through our Convention efforts.

Respectfully submitted by:
The Commissioner on Education
DR. LOUIS RAWLS

REGISTRATION — MIDWEST REGIONAL SESSION — APRIL 22, 1964

States—Churches and Address	Pastors (Rev.)	Am.
ILLINOIS		
BELIEF COMMUNITY		
8608 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago.....	James W. Hollis	\$ 5.00
HOME AND SEE		
3333 South Park Ave., Chicago.....	John Brown	15.00
EL BETHEL		
1657 LaFayette Ave., Chicago.....	C. V. Johnson, Sr.....	50.00
PAST TIXOTHY		
3333 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago.....	Augustus L. Shelby	10.00
GREATER SOUTH SHORE		
1028 Champlain Ave., Chicago.....	R. W. Collins	5.00
GREATER ZION TEMPLE		
1000 S. Halsted St., Chicago.....	Rev. Oscar Lomax	5.00
JERUSALEM		
1218 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago.....	Charles Glasco	10.00
MARYLAND AVENUE		
1058 S. Maryland Ave., Chicago	David D. Clay	15.00
MOUNT EAGLE		
1559 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago.....	C. J. Rodgers	10.00
MR. HEBRON		
1553 W. Douglas Blvd., Chicago.....	J. N. Wordlaw	25.00
CITY PLEASANT		
1014 Blackstone Ave., Chicago.....	H. R. Jelks	25.00
ORIGINAL PROVIDENCE		
1857 Jackson Blvd., Chicago.....	5.00
PELAGIAN REST		
1001 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago.....	Matthew J. Thomas	25.00
PLEASANT GIFT		
1526 S. Greenwood Ave., Chicago.....	R. L. Buckner	10.00
PROGRESSIVE		
1058 S. Wentworth Ave., Chicago.....	T. E. Brown	25.00
PHILOH		
1831 West Hastings St., Chicago.....	W. W. Taylor	25.00

ST. STEPHENS	
652 East 92nd St., Chicago.....	F. L. Porter
SOUTH PARK	
3720 South Parkway, Chicago.....	E. R. Williams
TABERNACLE	
4130 Indiana Ave., Chicago.....	Louis Rawls
BROTHER CHESTER DIXON	
(Laymen Movement)	
9427 Calumet Ave., Chicago.....	John Taylor
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2201 Foster St., Evanston, Ill.....	E. C. Williams
SECOND	
1625 Emerson St., Evanston.....	Wm. Louis Bransford
INDIANA	
JERUSALEM	
1737-41 Fillmore St., Gary.....	E. B. Joyner
KENTUCKY	
GUIDING STAR	
2724 West Walnut St., Louisville.....	S. T. Robinson
MICHIGAN	
CENTRAL INSTITUTIONAL	
2520 Buchanan St., Detroit 8.....	W. J. Bishop
FRIENDSHIP	
3900 Beaubien Ave., Detroit.....	Louis Johnson
GOSPEL TEMPLE	
331 E. Bethune, Detroit 22.....	J. E. King
GREATER MACEDONIA	
8200 Mack Ave., Detroit 14.....	H. H. Coleman
HARTFORD AVENUE	
6300 Hartford Ave., Detroit 10.....	Clas A. Hill
NEW GRACE	
92 East Forest Ave., Detroit 1.....	W. D. McClung
MT. CALVARY	
7203 East Harper Ave., Detroit 13.....	J. H. Gatlin
METROPOLITAN	
3939 Industrial Ave., Flint, Mich.....	S. D. Edwards
SECOND	
601 N. Rose St., Kalamazoo.....	Bernis Wakefield, Sr.
MISSISSIPPI	
FAITH TABERNACLE	
405 Ashford St., Hattiesburg.....	John Earle Cannon
GREATER WHITE STONE	
187 S. Parkway, Memphis, Tenn.....	I. S. Sorrell
MISSOURI	
ALL NATIONS	
	D. Miller
CHRIST'S PILGRIM REST	
1314 Kings Highway, St. Louis.....	E. R. Williams
EPHESIAN	
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GREATER PROVIDENCE	
1827 N. Taylor Ave., St. Louis.....	James W. Shaffer
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HARRISON AVENUE	
1921 A. Gnede Ave., St. Louis.....	C. L. Wells

MT. PLEASANT	
2124 Olive, Kansas City.....	J. E. Lloyd
NEW JERUSALEM	
1805 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis.....	O. A. Hellums
PALESTINE	
3619 East 55th St., Kansas City.....	Earl Abel
PARADISE	
1301 East 10th St., Kansas City.....	L. B. Jones
SECOND	
39th and Monroe, Kansas City.....	E. E. Chappelle
WASHINGTON TABERNACLE	
3200 Washington Blvd., St. Louis.....	John E. Nance
TRULICHT	
Glenn and Dickson, St. Louis.....	W. L. Amos
NEW YORK	
METROPOLITAN	
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ANTIOCK	
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PENNSYLVANIA	
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TENNESSEE	
METROPOLITAN	
Memphis, Tenn.....	S. A. Owens
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WISCONSIN	
GREATER GALILEE	
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RECAPITULATION OF REGISTRATION SHEETS

Illinois.....	23
Indiana.....	1
Kentucky.....	1
Michigan.....	9
Mississippi.....	1
Missouri.....	14
New York.....	1
Ohio.....	5
Pennsylvania.....	2
Tennessee.....	1
Texas.....	1
Missouri.....	1
Wisconsin.....	1
Mississippi.....	2
Total.....	62
Churches Represented	

Minutes of the Southwestern Regional Convention Oklahoma City, Okla. — June 11-12, 1964

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 11th — 8:00 o'clock
The Pre-Musical Program Under the Direction of
Miss Minnie Vera Anderson

Sermon.....Dr. Gardner C. Taylor
Brooklyn, New York
Vice President at Large
The Pre-Musical Chorus
Music.....
Offering.....
Announcements.....
Benediction.....
Note: The Committee on Registration will be available at this hour for all who
will want to register.

FRIDAY MORNING — 9:00 o'clock
Registration begins at nine o'clock

The Devotional Service.....The Committee
Rev. M. A. Curry, Chairman
The Welcome Program.....Rev. J. D. Provo, Presiding
Response.....Rev. A. H. Forbes, Jr., Fort Worth, Texas
Music — Selected.....The Chorus
Greetings.....President T. M. Chambers
"A Salute to Dr. E. W. Perry"
Dr. Perry as a Veteran Leader at Home.....Dr. W. K. Jackson
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Dr. Perry as a Religious Statesman in the Nation.....Dr. I. W. Wilson
Las Vegas, Nevada
Dr. Perry as a Prophet of the Age.....Rev. L. B. George
Amarillo, Texas
Music — Selected.....The Chorus
Introductory Sermon.....Dr. John E. Nance, St. Louis, Mo.
Alternate.....Dr. E. E. Chappelle, Kansas City, Mo.
Music — Selected.....The Chorus
Baptists And The Challenge of a New Horizon.....Dr. L. V. Booth
Executive Secretary
A Discussion Period — Audience Participation — Questions and Answers
Music — Selected.....The Chorus
Offering.....
Announcements.....
Benediction.....

AFTERNOON SESSION — 2:00 o'clock

The Devotional Service.....The Committee
Rev. E. C. Beatty, Chairman
Greetings.....Dr. Guy Bellamy, The Southern Baptist Convention
Greetings.....Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Vice President at Large
Greetings.....Dr. T. R. Washington, Eastern Regional President
Greetings.....Dr. C. V. Johnson, Mid-West Regional President
Greetings.....Dr. John H. Nichols, President of The Moderators Council
The Foreign Mission Period.....Rev. R. A. Cromwell, Executive Secretary
Mrs. Margaret Smith, Field Representative
Music — Selected.....The Chorus

Sermon.....Rev. L. Butler Nelson, Dallas, Texas
Music — Selected.....The Chorus
Offering.....
Announcements.....
Benediction.....

EVENING SESSION — 7:45 o'clock

The Devotional Service.....The Committee
Rev. Charles Whitlow, Chairman
Panel Discussion.....The Witness of the Church In The Area of Civil Rights
Dr. L. B. Moss, Leader, Fort Worth, Texas
The Report of the Finance and Enrollment Committees
Music — Selected.....The Chorus
Sermon.....Dr. T. M. Chambers, President
Alternate, Dr. E. J. Perry
Music — Selected.....The Chorus
Offering.....
Acknowledgment of Courtesy.....
Closing Remarks.....
Benediction.....

Secretary's note: The minutes for the First Session of the Southwestern Regional Convention are not available. Following is a quote from the president, Dr. S. H. James: "It (the program) followed pretty much the printed format set forth. Our finance was negligible. We did not emphasize money in this our first meeting. We did, however, make a fifty dollar contribution to the Foreign Mission Bureau. Mrs. Smith and Rev. Locust were present. The attendance was good and some four or five churches joined with us."

**Minutes of the Second Annual Session of the
Progressive National Baptist Sunday School
and B. T. U. Congress
HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF CHICAGO, ILL.
AT PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH**

JUNE 23-27, 1964

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The Reverend J. O. Rich, South Carolina	Associate Director-General
Dr. William C. Upshaw, Ohio	Dean
The Reverend William H. Anderson, Pennsylvania	Assistant Dean
Professor James V. Roach, Ohio	Music Director
Mrs. T. E. Huntley, Missouri	Assistant Music Director
Mr. James Francis	Planner

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Ex-Officio Members of Board

Dr. T. M. Chambers, President of the Convention
Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Vice President of the Convention
Dr. L. V. Booth, Executive Secretary of the Convention

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1964 — 12:00 NOON

The second annual session of Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc. was called to order and officially opened by the President, Dr. G. K. Offutt in the Pilgrim Baptist Church beautiful and spacious Sanctuary. Dr. J. C. Austin, Sr. and Jr., Co-Pastors. Professor R. V. Roach led in a brief Prayer Service. He was assisted by Mrs. Kate Montgomery who sang "Rock of Ages". The congregation prayed silently for a few moments. Following the prayer and congregation singing, President Offutt presented Dr. W. A. Jones, Brooklyn, New York for the Devotional Address.

His textual theme was "In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him and He Shall Direct Thy Path." His subject "A Formula for Living." Dr. Jones' presentation began with the contemporaries of Solomon and made application to the present day church. He further alluded that the church is not only a community but the redeemed but is also a redeeming community.

Dr. Jones answered the questions:

1. Why we need a formula for living?

2. Why should we acknowledge God?

Professor Roach led in the congregational singing of "Lift Him Up."

Dr. J. Logan Kearse of Baltimore, Maryland was presented by Dr. Offutt for an inspirational address. His topic "The Christian Concept of Work." Dr. Kearse also used an old Proverb of Solomon as background. He stressed that there are some things that are old and still worth holding to. They are:

1. The land-mark of Enthusiasm.
2. The land-mark of Moral Thinking and Acting.
3. The land-mark of Prayer.
4. The land-mark of Music.

The Congregation was led in singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

The officers of the Congress were then presented by the President. After which Dean W. C. Upshaw presented the faculty members to the delegates and visitors present.

The Director-General, C. W. Green gave instructional remarks to delegates. Mr. McCall also gave information on Youth Night to be had on Friday evening.

Offering was given to the amount of \$134.02.

Benediction by Dr. J. Logan Kearse.

President, G. K. Offutt.

2:30-5:30—The Congress was at work in sectional meetings.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1964 — 7:30 P.M.

Dr. W. A. Lucas, Presiding.

Song: "What a Fellowship."

Rev. W. A. Jones, Jr. was presented by Vice President Lucas for the evening devotion.

Scripture: Roman 8—"Who Shall Separate Us from the Love of Christ?"

He commented on several key words:

1. Love
2. Hate.

His climaxing thought was man needs God above all his earthly advantages.

Song: "Amazing Grace"—Mrs. Viola Paris of South Carolina.

Solo: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Saying."—Invocation Rev. J. J. Smith.—"How Great Thou Art" by Mrs. Viola Paris of South Carolina.

Vice President presented Rev. Stroy Freeman, who in turn presented Rev. Williams as chairman of the Welcome Committee. The following welcomes were given by:

On behalf of Pilgrim Baptist Church—Dr. J. C. Austin of Illinois.

On behalf of Baptist State Convention—Mrs. Lambart, President (Women's).

On behalf of the Church Federation—Dr. Edgar Chandler.

The Secretary of the Metropolitan Mutual Insurance Company, Honorable George Harris (Representative of the business men of the city).

Pre-Musical Choir directed by Mrs. Johnson—"I Will Praise Thee O Lord," "Glorious Everlasting."

Welcome on behalf of the Business Community—Honorable C. D. Christensen, President of Drexel National Bank.

On behalf of the Intellectual Community—Honorable Elsha Walker, Principal of Mayo Elementary School. On behalf of Fuller Products Enterprises—President, Rev. Fuller.

Dr. C. V. Johnson—On behalf of Mid Western Region of Progressive Convention.

The Chairman read a telegram from the Mayor of the city—Honorable R. Daily.

Address: Dr. Stroy Freeman—President of Baptist State Convention of Illinois.

Music: Selection "I'll Meet You At the Judgment Day."

The response on behalf of the Congress was given by Dr. Charles G. Adams of Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Lucas presented President Offutt who in turn presented Dean Upshaw to conduct the Commencement Exercise.

Selection—Choir "Everytime I Feel the Spirit."

Commencement Address—Dr. A. A. Banks, Jr. of Detroit.

Theme: "Growing Toward God."

Text: Hebrews 5:12, 13—His address was informative and inspirational.

Presentation: Advance certificate of progress to Mrs. Rosa Milton and the second certificate of progress to Mrs. Mary White.

Remarks and benediction by Dr. Banks

The president made some remarks on the address then called for an offering.

Announcements.

Offering \$116.24.

Benediction

The Local Committee was then in charge.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 24, 1964 — 11:00 A.M.

Praise Service conducted by Professor Roach.

Dr. W. A. Jones was presented for Devotional Message. He further stated that God has purposes beyond this world. God is as gentle as a dove and as hard as an earthquake. His rain falls on the just and unjust alike. It is hard to think positively in such a world as this. Suffering is necessary for our soul. When trouble comes, you can either run from it or transcend it.

After congregational singing, we had a solo by Rev. I. Wilson, "How Great Thou Art."

The president presented Dean W. C. Upshaw for the keynote address: Subject, The Church and Teaching Ministry.

The president presented Dr. E. C. Smith of Washington, D. C. as an humble servant yet so great, who will preach the Introductory Sermon after singing "My Hope Is Built On Nothingless."

The president extended an invitation to all National Officers to come to the pulpit.

Introductory Sermon: Dr. E. C. Smith, Pastor Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Message Subject: Basis for Christian Certainty—I John 3:14.

Q. When can we be certain that we are Christians?

Doubt is characteristic of man.

1. Forbidden

2. John the Baptist (doubt)

3. Field scientific philosophy (Flux and Flow)

All of the great questions become belief not knowledge.

The old homocentric in O. T. as in Egypt, believed the world was a converted bowl.

In the 15th Century it was believed that the earth went around the sun. The sun moves around the earth.

Christian Certainty—when can we be sure?

There is basis on Christian Certainty 1. We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.

The yard-stick of love settles it all of whether you are a Christian or not. Jesus admired love anywhere it is seen. Example: Mary Magdalene at dinner speech: woman at well and tax collector.

Jesus dispersed the ruler because no love.

Love will be the determining factor in judgment. We already have the examination—

If you have love, you will get all right as you go up the road. Dr. Smith ended his sermon on the illustration of the strong standing and weak breaking.

The President appointed the Public Relations Committee and Committee on Organization.

Offering, \$98.16.

Benediction—Dr. E. C. Smith.

2:30-5:30 P.M.—Congress at work.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1964 — 7:30 P.M.

President Offutt, Presiding.

7:30 P.M.—Congregational Singing.

Songs "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm," "Farther Along," "Life Is Like a Mountain Railroad."

Songs Continued: "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."

7:45 P.M.—Devotion was conducted by Rev. K. L. Moore, Frankfort, Kentucky. Congregational singing: "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior."

Prayer—Rev. J. S. Bevely of Kentucky. Scripture for the Devotional Message is found in Acts 27:42-47 and First Corinthians 5, "We Walk By Faith."

Theme: "Following the Glow When the Light Is Gone."

Song: "The Old Ship of Zion."

8:05 P.M. — Vice President Lucas presented the Rev. A. T. Thomas of Charleston, South Carolina to deliver the Inspirational Address: "The Christian Use of Leisure Time."

8:25 P.M.—Singing: Pre-Congress Chorus: "The Lord Is My Light," "He Shall Hide Me," "Praise Ye the Lord."

Appointment of Committee on Place.

Rev. S. L. Taylor, Rev. Riday C. Husdow, Rev. Charles G. Adams, Rev. Norman Townsel and Rev. J. H. Pierce.

8:40 P.M.—Vice President Lucas presented Dr. Gardner C. Taylor who introduced Rev. C. S. Stamps of New York to bring the Doctrinal Sermon.

Congregation Singing: "Amazing Grace."

Text: Romans 8:33—Col. 1:12, 15—John 10:27-29.

Subject: The Perseverance of the Saints (My Sheep Know My Voice and They Follow Me). I Give Unto Them Eternal Rest.

The invitation was extended by Dr. Offutt.

Congregation Number: "God Will Take Care of You."

Offering, \$161.25

Dr. Taylor announced the change in the time of the convention board meeting from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. tomorrow (Thursday) here in the auditorium.

Benediction—Rev. C. S. Stamps.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 25, 1964 — 11:00 A.M.

The Vice President Lucas Presiding.

Song Service: Mrs. T. E. Huntly, directing: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "There is Power in the Blood," "The Wondrous Love of Jesus."

Solo: Mrs. Delores Nehemiah.

At the absence of the Rev. James O. Powell, the Vice President gave the congregation an opportunity to actively participate in Bible quotations, which was followed by prayer by the Vice President Lucas.

Congregational Singing: "Is Your All On Altar," "Comforter Has Come," "He Will Remember Me."

Organ Music—James Frances.

Vice President Lucas presented Dr. L. V. Booth, the Executive Secretary of the Convention and he presented Dr. T. M. Chambers. Dr. Booth gave very encouraging words to and in behalf of our Convention's President, Dr. T. M. Chambers.

Dr. Guy Bellamy of Oklahoma. Dr. Bellamy stated: The convention will succeed because of: 1. The principles on which you stand. 2. The leadership we offer. 3. The spirit in which you possess.

Dr. Booth described Dr. Chambers: One who can write, yet will read others' writings. One who can speak yet will have a listening ear. One who is great yet so humble.

Dr. T. M. Chambers: Dr. Chambers gave words of credit to Dr. L. V. Booth for calling a meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio to listen and talk together.

PROGRESSIVE DIFFERENCES

1. Our convention is cause centered rather than man-centered and personality centered. Great convention builds a program together for God and not a one-man's show. You can win by an unselfish attitude.

2. We now honor tenure in office.

3. Our convention is departmentalized:

Women—Mrs. Arbon
Laymen—Mr. Dixon
Usher Department
Church School Congress—Dr. G. K. Offutt

4. Our convention meets at least 5 times a year:
Eastern Regional—Dr. T. R. Washington, leader
Mid Western Regional—Dr. C. V. Johnson, leader
Western Regional—Dr. S. H. James, leader
Southern Regional—Dr. Stinson, leader
Western Regional—According to Constitution (President)

5. We have challenging objectives.

6. We support the program of Civil Rights.

7. Ours is an inter-sectional convention.

8. This convention does not believe that aged men should be buried alive.
Congregational singing: "Lift Him Up."

The Vice President Lucas presented Rev. W. J. Hodge to present our President, Dr. G. K. Offutt. Dr. Offutt was presented as a pioneer, eminent pastor and preacher, religious educator; an active participant in the Civil Rights struggle and one who has made great personal sacrifices for the cause of the establishment of this Congress.

President's Address.

Offering, \$64.95.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1964 — 7:30 P.M.

"AMERICAN HERITAGE NIGHT"

7:30 P.M.—Song Service conducted by Professor J. Roach: "What a Fellowship," "Jesus Is Calling," "How Great Thou Art."

Vice President Lucas presiding.

7:40 P.M.—Prayer by Rev. Anthony. Song: "If Jesus Goes With Me."

Devotional Message was delivered by Rev. K. L. Moore, Kentucky. Scripture: First Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. Smith.

Devotional Thought: Luke 12:22—"Upper Room Religion."

Song: "Lord Plant My Feet On Higher Ground."

8:15 P.M.—Inspirational Address: "The Revolutionary Nature of the Christian Faith," by Rev. J. H. Ferguson, North Carolina. Scripture: Exodus 19:1. He spoke on three steps to help man out of his condition.

8:30 P.M.—The President called on Rev. McCall to emphasize Baptist Youth Night.

The President appointed committee on the time of the Congress Annual Sessions.

Rev. Richard Randall, Michigan; Rev. S. H. James, Texas; Rev. John B. Burrell, Ohio; Rev. C. C. Suggs, Sr., Alabama; Rev. W. W. Taylor, Illinois.

8:40 P.M.—Address: "The Unfolding of Our Christian Heritage in This Age of Social Change." Dr. E. L. Harrison, Washington, D. C. stated that this was

and all that's in it belongs to God and as sons of God, "We are heirs to all that this world affords."

Hymn: "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1964

PUBLIC AFFAIRS — REPORT

For immediate release to persons designated and/or public media when approved:

The following statements are presented to your august body for your deliberation and adoption:

1. TO THE NATIONAL CHAIRMEN OF BOTH MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES:

The Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress is alarmed that any citizen who aspires to public office in our country, especially national public office, can find reason to oppose a bill designed to give all citizens of our country those rights guaranteed under the constitution. We herewith pledge ourselves to prosecute with all vigor opposition to the nomination and election of any person, to any public office who can oppose measures intended to assure to all citizens their constitutional rights. This opposition shall be above party loyalty and affiliation and race.

2. THE PRESIDENT AND ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress is gravely concerned for the life of three Civil Rights workers, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, James Chaney, last seen by known witnesses Sunday, June 21 in Philadelphia, Mississippi. We fear foul play in their unexpected, sudden and complete vanishing. We respectfully urge the use of every legal means at the disposal of your high office to both discover their whereabouts with all possible dispatch and bring to swift justice those responsible for their unscheduled disappearance. We wish our country to be made safe for those who enjoy freedom as well as those who seek to be free.

3. GOVERNOR PAUL JOHNSON, Jackson Mississippi

The Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress is shocked by the sudden disappearance of three Civil Rights workers whose major crime was their desire to be free. The notorious inequality accorded humans of races other than the white race and the persecution of all persons who hold opinions other than those that are Pre-Civil War in Mississippi are known well in all their infamous dimensions. We fear that the nation shall be shamed again before the world by the prehistoric and barbaric behavior of Mississippi.

4. To (a) PRESIDENT JOHNSON, (b) SENATORS HUMPHREY AND DIRKSEN, (c) MR. MANSFIELD, (d) CONGRESSMAN HALLECK

The Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress in its Annual Session proudly extends you its highest commendation for your resolute and successful endeavor in bringing the Civil Rights Bill to a positive vote in the U. S. Senate. We consider it a long overdue milestone in justice and a tacit testimony by our country to the world that we shall match the high democratic principles of our country by our deeds.

Humbly submitted:

YOUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CHARLES WILLIAM BUTLER, Chairman

J. STERLING BUNDY, Michigan

REV. J. D. PROVO, Oklahoma

Members absent:

REV. J. E. KIRKLAND, Pennsylvania

REV. CARL MITCHELL, West Virginia

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1964 — 11:00 A.M. SESSION

We, your Committee on Place, wish to make our report. We have been graciously invited to three great cities for our next year's Congress. Rev. H. H. Coleman of Macedonia Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan; Rev. Logan Kearse of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Christ of Baltimore, Maryland and Rev. E. T. Brown of the Vernon Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina. We recommend the acceptance of Baltimore for 1965 sitting of the Congress.

S. L. Taylor.

11:00 A.M. — Song Service: Solos — "Thy Will Be Done." "How Great Thou Art."

Vice President Lucas in charge.

11:15 A.M.—The devotion was conducted by Rev. Moore, Kentucky. Congregation Singing: "At the Cross."

Scripture: Luke 22:19. Subject: "A Fitting Memorial."

Conclusion of devotion—song: "What a Fellowship."

Vice President Lucas called for the reading of Thursday's Journal. The Journal was read by the Assistant Secretary.

The President called for report of Committee on Reconsideration of the Congress Annual Session.

This committee recommended that the Congress would hold its Annual Session beginning Tuesday after the fourth Lord's Day in June of each year.

It was motioned and seconded that the committee's recommendation be adopted.

The President made it clear that this matter would have to be approved by the Parent body; after which he put the motion in favor of that adoption. The vote was unanimously for its adoption.

Committee on Public Affairs made its report.

It was moved and seconded that we would so receive the report of this committee. The question was put by the President.

The question was called for, however, the report was unanimously approved by the body.

It was motioned and seconded that the public affairs committee would go to it that the resolutions be sent to the proper sources—this motion prevailed.

Committee on Place.

The committee recommended that the 1965 session of the Congress should be held in Baltimore, Maryland. It was motioned and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted.

A substitute motion was made that the Congress would meet in Durham, North Carolina for its 1965 session: for 90, against 27. It was therefore concluded that the 1965 session of the Congress be held in Durham, North Carolina.

The President suggested that within 90 days that the local committee should give a report to the executive committee. If the report be unfavorable, the Executive Committee be empowered to arrange for such a session.

It was motioned and seconded that Baltimore would be the alternate city for the meeting of the 1965 session. For the motion: 88 for, against 42.

The President of the Congress presented the President of our Women's Department, Mrs. Arbouin, who made two statements:

1. She was glad to be identified with the Progressive Convention.
2. She recognized the fact that we have a Congress President who knows how to recognize all persons. She announced her desire for the women to meet with her about fifteen minutes after this session.

The President then turned the meeting into the hands of the Executive Committee for the offering.

Benediction.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1964

CHANGE OF TIME

After seriously thinking through and discussing the possibility of CHANGING THE TIME OF MEETING, it is unanimously recommended that the Progressive National Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress meet beginning Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in June. We are certain that this change will mean much to the growth of the Congress. There are several reasons for this belief, namely:

1. All Public Schools will be out for Summer Vacation giving opportunity for all Students and Teachers to attend and serve.
2. Public School facilities will be at the disposal of most cities who

so desire to entertain the Congress, therefore giving opportunities to smaller cities to entertain this body.

3. With growing necessity of working with other agencies, such as: The NAACP, etc., in the struggle for Civil Rights, this will give interested parties the opportunity to attend National Meetings of such nature.

Submitted by the Committee
RICHARD RANDALL, Chairman
W. W. TAYLOR
J. M. BURRELL
C. C. SUGGS, SR.

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S. L. TAYLOR

After much discussion the body voted to go to Durham, North Carolina for the 1965 Annual Session.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 27, 1964 — 11:00 A.M.

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "The Name of Jesus."

Scripture: 1 Cor. 13.

Congregational Singing: "Draw Me Nearer."

Reading of the record of Tuesday and Wednesday by Secretary.

Rev. J. C. Simmons—"The Love of God for Social Change."

Dr. S. M. Weaver asked that we reconsider the time of Congress for next year because of the meeting of the Baptist World's Alliance.

A motion was made to change the meeting time next year by Dr. S. M. Weaver and seconded by Mr. R. M. Turner.

Reports: Resolution Committee

Rev. J. D. Provo—1st

Rev. S. M. Weaver—2nd

Motion to adopt the report from Resolution Committee.

Report from Dean Upshaw.

304 Delegates.

Finance—\$5,711.25.

Offering—\$12.04.

Benediction—Rev. J. C. Simmons.

COMMITTEES 1964

FINANCE:

Rev. J. I. Smith, Kentucky, Chairman
Mr. Clyde Pelzer, Pennsylvania
Mr. Jessie Lewis, California
Mr. E. Nance, Missouri
Rev. J. E. Lloyd

ORGANIZATION:

Mr. A. R. Lasley, Kentucky, Chairman
Mr. P. C. Moss, California
Rev. C. S. Stamps, New York
Rev. A. Ross Brent, New Jersey
Rev. Eddie Nelson, West Virginia

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Rev. Charles W. Butler, Michigan
Rev. J. E. Kirkland, Pennsylvania
Rev. Carl Mitchell, West Virginia
Rev. J. D. Provo, Oklahoma
Rev. J. Sterling Beverly

RESOLUTION:

Dr. Thomas Kilgore
Rev. K. L. Moore
Mr. George G. Johnson
Rev. White, Washington, D. C.
Rev. J. H. Nicholas

PRESIDENT G. K. OFFUTT ANNUAL ADDRESS

As presiding officer, pulpit dignitaries, constituents of the Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, and friends: It becomes my honored duty to address, at this time, this gracious assembly on the occasion of the second annual session of the Congress. For this high privilege I am grateful to Almighty God and you.

We have come to this great city of Chicago, as Pioneers in a great Spiritual Cause. Pioneers not in the sense that the work in which we are engaged is new—for the redemptive plans and processes of God executed through frail humanity are as old as man's need of redemption—but rather pioneers in the sense of our endeavors to strike out a new course, a new Methodology—a new Spirit of Cooperative Fellowship, by which "GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES" might reach its proper acceleration, effectiveness and maturity in this generation. This great city bears witness to the value of the Spirit of the Pioneers, for before 1829—the earliest historic date concerning the origin of this city—there came a Negro man, a fur trader, JEAN BAPTISTE POINT DU SABLE, by name, who established a trading post which attracted French and English fur traders of the region and became the nucleus of the original settlement. Thus we join hands across the years with those who have preceded us to bear witness to the pioneering spirit and its value in keeping open the channels of progress. We have come to Chicago, conscious of her greatness and power. Here is a city which according to the census of 1960, proudly boasts a population of 3,500,404 persons. Of this it is estimated 813,000 are Negro. As to transportation, she is served by 19 major trunklines and over thirty airlines.

Her Industry and Commerce are outstanding. Chicago is second to none in the production of worked metal products, commercial printing, meat and packing house products, telephone equipment, cosmetics and soap, television apparatus, confectionery, electrical equipment, and many other kinds of goods. She has long stood at the top in education. Such institutions as: the University of Chicago, world renowned center of research and instruction, Roosevelt College, DePaul University, Loyola University and others have carried her name and benefits all over the world. Religiously this city cannot be overlooked. From her bosom have gone forth Princes of the Church, great pulpits—pastors, builders and saints.

We have come to Chicago upon the invitation and behest of some of the best people in the world. The members of the Local Entertainment Committee are representative of the best one would hope to find anytime, anywhere. Among them are the great Pastors and Spiritual leaders, not only of Chicago, but of our nation. Behind them, giving their moral and spiritual support, proper authorization and encouragement of every kind, are some of the noblest Churches in the land—noble in outlook, purpose and soul. It is because we are thankful for the invitation extended to us that we express our gratitude to Dr. J. C. Austin, pastor of the PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH, where many of our sessions will be held, the Official Board and members of the Church at large, for accepting the responsibility of being officially "HOST CHURCH." We further express our thanks to the Local Entertainment Committee and its Chairman, Dr. Stroy Freeman for all of their labors in our behalf as we sit as a Congress in this our Second Annual Session.

A RETROSPECTIVE LOOK

There are times when to be proud of work accomplished or progress made is justifiable. This is one of those times. As I look over this large assemblage of delegates representing our Baptist Churches in almost every state of this nation, I am immensely thrilled and my spirit is exalted within me. I am proud of OUR GOD—I am proud of OUR DENOMINATION—I am proud of THOSE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR CONVENTION WHO HAVE LAID TO HEART THE TASK OF BUILDING A FREE, SPIRIT-FILLED, CHRIST-CENTERED ORGANIZATION FOR PURPOSE OF GIVING PROPER MOTIVATION AND DIRECTION TO THE PROGRAM OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES.

Only a few months ago, it could be truthfully said of us who now constitute this Congress that we were "NO PEOPLE." We were as it were scattered among the nations. The possibility of our being gathered into one fold seemed if not impossible, highly improbable. But it is just like God to make a nation out of those who were "NO PEOPLE." It has been His joy and privilege since the beginning of creation to bring to visibility the results of His divine formula for productivity which simply stated is O (nothing) plus God = WHAT I WILL. Our progress and growth is a classic example of the DIVINE formula for productivity at work. Slowly yet surely, one by one, we were drawn to ourselves to what we believe to be a just and Christian task. Gradually the frame-work of our organization took form. There were many problems.

we were handicapped by lack of money, lack of committed personnel, lack of guide lines, lack of community sympathy and concern. In fact the word lack amply described our general condition. Only one thing we had and that in small proportion—FAITH. Oh What Wonders a Little Faith in God Can Work. Faith is the door of entrance into the nothingness of our lives, wherein GOD will walk and effect his glorious design—making possible that which to us is impossible, turning darkness into light, defeat into victory—sadness into joy. Sincere inquiries concerning the nature and objectives of our efforts now began to be heard on every side. Men and women of Christian stature, gifted and resolute souls, joined hands with us. The great Churches and Pastors of Washington, D. C., extended an invitation to us, who were yet "NO PEOPLE" to hold our FIRST SESSION with them.

The success of our First Annual Session which convened in Washington, D. C., extended far beyond our expectations. True, we had hopes that an initial beginning would be realized. But the wave of enthusiasm demonstrated by the community as a whole, the delegates, and the total Congress administration had the appearance of the phenomenal. Too much credit cannot be given to Dean Mphaw, the Congress faculty, the general officers, Rev. Green, our Director General, for the efficiency and conduct of the Congress in this crucial time of organization and operation.

Since Washington, ours has been a continuous effort of evaluating, re-defining of objectives, program building, strengthening of the faculty personnel and seeking new approaches to more effective solutions to old problems. This is by no means an easy task. It can be an unpleasant one. It has been necessary to follow strictly certain policies, especially our policy regulating participation in an official way in the affairs of the Congress. We have judged it to be logical—just and Christian to demand COMMITMENT TO OUR PROGRESSIVE CONVENTION as a basic requisite of eligibility for such participation. We feel that these efforts are bringing tangible results. In fact your presence here today is a valid testimony that the vision we have sought to bring into reality is not at all beyond our apprehension—but is this day at hand.

OUR PRESENT TASK

By the Grace of God we have been blessed to sit as a Congress, in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois the year of Our Lord 1964. As a Congress we are fairly well organized. Some of the Brainiest Men and Women of our Nation, specialists in their particular fields will preach, teach, lecture, etc. Our Congress when at work will operate on a divisional plan, each having its various sections. A total of perhaps 52 (fifty-two) standard and approved courses will be afforded in its curriculum. What an outlay of human and material resources! But the question may be asked "WHAT MEANETH ALL THIS?" What is the ultimate objective? Why are we here? What is our present task? Have we come merely to emphasize the best modern techniques of teaching—to learn the art of administration, or to fellowship with one another? There are good and worthwhile ends. But do they justify our existence as a Congress?

The basic principles and techniques of teaching are widely known. They have been accepted and used by our educational institutions both secular and religious. We have been, in the last few years, bombarded with requests, invitations and the like, to cooperate with and participate in institutes, workshops, clinics, and other study groups. In all of these the basic principles and techniques of teaching were in most instances strictly observed.

No it cannot be for these reasons alone that we justify our existence as a Congress. We have come to realize that the mastery of techniques, and methods does not guarantee the end we seek. We do not disallow their value, nor dare we cast them aside. But we shall no longer deceive ourselves that they alone are sufficient for the accomplishment of our task.

What then is needed to justify our existence as a Congress, at a time when many critics aver that as a denomination we are already over organized, that we may profitably give of our time and resources to bring about its proper fulfillment? All of us have heard of the French Foreign Legion. It has figured much in the life experiences and fiction. Each member of this famed fighting unit was thoroughly disciplined in the art of mortal combat. But that which set it apart from other fighting units was, not primarily their superiority in the science of war—but rather, the ESPRIT DE CORPS. It was the latter

coupled with the mastery of techniques that enabled it to snail victory out of seeming defeat in many a gory battlefield. This I think is our basic need if we are to justify our existence as a Congress.

In the light of the foregoing arguments, it appears that our present task is evident, though not easy of accomplishment. We realize that as a Congress engaged in Christian education, we must ever be diligent in dealing with the mechanical aspects of our work, and yet this diligence and emphasis must not be so exercised as to impair or lessen the development of the ES'PRIT DE CORPS—that life giving, enervating, soul quality which is our sacred duty as followers of Christ to transmit to men, women and children throughout the world. The necessity and significance of this "SOUL QUALITY" has been emphatically called to our attention by the scriptures: "IF ANY MAN HAVE NOT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST HE IS NONE OF HIS."

My Christian co-workers, it is possible to have the knowledge of principles, master techniques and content, and yet, fail to acquire the ES'PRIT DE CORPS—the soul quality. Several weeks ago a tragic thing happened in one of our large cities. A youth of fifteen (15) years of age killed a man in an attempted holdup. The Scout Master of one of the local troops discovered that the lad had been enrolled in his troop for quite a while. He was an excellent student. He could recite the Boy Scout Oath, go through all the sequences of the drill—give a good account of himself in the woods, tie all the required types of knots—but he killed a man in an effort to rob him. He had mastered the mechanics of Boy Scouting. His tragic failure was that he had not attained to the ES'PRIT DE CORPS—which is all contained in the words that every Boy Scout is taught to remember and respect, "CHRIST IS THE CHIEF SCOUT." The ultimate aim of those who initiated the Boy Scout movement was to develop in the youth of our nation the moral, intellectual and spiritual qualities of JESUS CHRIST.

The ultimate objective of the Christian Church today is the transforming of human character from its basic earthiness and carnality into the likeness of JESUS CHRIST the SON OF GOD. This then becomes our present task. And while we shall insist upon the use of all available modern techniques and materials in our educational process, and while we shall encourage the accumulation of the data of knowledge, we shall not relent, even for an instant, in challenging both teacher and pupil alike to share to the fullest extent that which is our mutual privilege—to be "PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE." Meanwhile our constant endeavor shall be to add to our faith, virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity.

THE FUTURE

Someone may ask, "Sir, what of the future of our Congress—its structure—its personnel—its general acceptance in the minds of the people?" I dare not assume to speak authoritatively by concerning those things that GOD has placed beyond the veil. The future lies with God. But as a man of faith, I can feel the present CALL OF GOD. I can follow his beckoning hand. Where He leads, I will follow. This we all can do, with all the strength of our bodies, minds and souls, strengthened in the conviction that He is faithful, and will bring to pass His design in our individual lives, and in the Congress. Only one declaration of purpose shall we leave with those who in sincerity would question our resolve, or those who in enmity would mock our efforts:

We will build today, strong and sure
On a firm and ample base—
And ascend and secure shall (OUR CONGRESS)
Tomorrow find its place.

Executive Board Meeting

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — JUNE 25, 1964

Dr. T. M. Chambers, the President, called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. Rev. A. E. Banks directed the singing of "What a Fellowship." Prayer by Rev. J. D. Provo. Oklahoma Song, "Draw Me Nearer." The President read I Corinthians 14:40.

The President stated that he had not sent out an agenda, because he didn't want to conflict with the program of the Congress. The agenda suggested is as follows: Devotions, Statement of Purpose, and Appointment of Committees.

The President appointed the following to the Program Committee for the annual session in Atlanta: Drs. Gardner C. Taylor, C. V. Johnson, T. R. Washington, O. H. Shinson, S. H. James, Stroy Freeman, L. V. Booth, Thomas Kilgore, R. A. Cromwell, Mrs. M. Arhoun, Mrs. Annie M. Serrano, Mr. Chester Dixon, Drs. G. K. Offutt, John E. Nance, E. L. Harrison, John H. Nichols, Wm. H. Borders, J. O. Rich, Richard Randal, B. W. Robertson, J. M. Burrell, L. S. Sorrell, J. A. Koger and C. S. Stamps.

The Committee on Literature was appointed as follows: Drs. T. S. Boone, S. H. James, L. J. Alford, O. M. Locust, Louis Rawls, and the Committee on Publications, which met in St. Louis in the Planning Conference.

Questions pertaining to the Constitution were referred to the existing Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

President Chambers suggested that the expenses of the President of the Women's Auxiliary be paid by the women when funds are available and supplemented by the Parent Body when necessary. Rev. Stroy Freeman moved and it was seconded that the President's suggestion be adopted. Dr. Thomas Kilgore had an unreadiness to the effect that the budget to be presented in Atlanta will be a comprehensive budget to cover all Convention expenses. Rev. H. P. Shafer made a substitute motion that until the budget is adopted in Atlanta, the expenses of the President of the Women's Auxiliary be paid. Seconded by Rev. J. M. Douglas. Substitute motion adopted.

Dr. O. M. Locust moved and it was seconded that the Program Committee have charge of the program for Atlanta and report to the President and Executive Secretary and the President and Executive Secretary be given authority to approve and complete the program. Motion adopted.

Rev. Koger raised the question of taking an offering for preachers who preach in the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Rev. S. M. Weaver called for a point of procedure. He said the Executive Board doesn't have authority to speak for the Convention on the point. The question was dropped.

Dr. William Holmes Borders, the host Pastor for the Atlanta meeting, spoke in glowing terms of plans and arrangements being made for our entertainment. Elaborate plans have been perfected and this will be the greatest session that any Convention has ever had in Atlanta. Rev. Randal, Detroit, Michigan spoke of plans being made by the Detroit delegation. They expect to run several buses from Detroit to Atlanta.

President Chambers admonished those who go by buses or cars to try to represent Jesus Christ and avoid arousing tensions and controversies. Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer by President Chambers

S. S. HODGES, Secretary.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM
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THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
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SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1964

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DR. GARDNER C. TAYLOR
Vice President-at-Large

DR. S. S. HODGES
Secretary
DR. L. VENCHAELE BOOTH
Executive Secretary

THEME: "REDEEMING THE TIME" — Eph. 5:16

General Headquarters
WHEAT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
389 Auburn Avenue, Northeast
Atlanta 12, Georgia
Dr. William H. Borders, Pastor

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1964

PRE-CONVENTION MUSICAL — 8:00 P.M.
Herndon Stadium

Houston and Griffin — Morris Brown College Campus

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1964

- 8:00 Devotions: The Home Mission Board
Dr. Lloyd A. Burrus, Chairman, New York
Dr. S. M. Weaver, Corresponding Secretary, Texas
- 8:45 Music: Mr. A. J. Jones, West Virginia
- 9:00 Call to Order of the Third Annual Session of The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., by President T. M. Chambers
Solo: Rev. R. M. Randall, Michigan
Reading and Adoption of Program
Registration and Enrollment
Appointment of Committees
- 11:00 WELCOME PROGRAM
Dr. William H. Borders, Chairman of Local Entertainment Committee
Response on behalf of The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Dr. E. R. Williams, Illinois
Alternate: Rev. W. A. Jones, Jr., New York
- 11:45 Introductory Sermon: Dr. T. S. Boone, Michigan
Alternate: Rev. Louis Johnson, Michigan
Offering — Presentation of Guests — Announcements — Benediction

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1964

- 2:00 Devotions: Rev. A. Edward Banks, Alabama
- 2:15 "Redeeming the Time Through Prophetic Preaching"
Rev. H. C. Cherry, Mississippi
- 2:30 Report of Ushers Convention
- 2:40 Presentation of Executive Secretary
Dr. C. C. Adams, Secretary Emeritus
Report of The Foreign Mission Bureau, U. S. A., Inc.
Dr. R. A. Cromwell, Executive Secretary
- 3:00 Sermon: Dr. J. Raymond Henderson, California
Appeal for The Foreign Mission Bureau, U. S. A., Inc.
Registration — Announcements — Benediction
- 4:00
- 6:00 CONVENTION FIELD TRIP
Inspection Tour of Baptist Dormitory at Interdenominational Theological Center and Fellowship Tea at Morehouse College Campus
Progress Report by President Benjamin E. Mays, Host

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1964

- 7:00 Devotions: Rev. A. Edward Banks, Alabama
Music: Mr. A. J. Jones, West Virginia
- 7:15 "Redeeming the Time Through Community Action"
Rev. M. Dewitt Bullock, New York
Alternate: Rev. Horace Sharper, New Jersey
Music: Mr. A. J. Jones, West Virginia
- 7:45 FEATURE ADDRESS
"Redeeming the Time Through Christian Education"
Dr. Milton K. Curry, Jr., Texas,
President of Bishop College
Alternate: Dr. J. N. Cheek, North Carolina,
President of Shaw University
- 9:00 until complete: CONVENTION BLUE PRINT SESSION
Conducted by Dr. Gardner C. Taylor,
Vice President-at-Large
Announcements — Benediction

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1964

- 8:00 Devotions: Conducted by The Home Mission Board
Rev. Lloyd A. Burrus, Chairman, New York
Dr. S. M. Weaver, Corresponding Secretary, Texas
Registration Period
Music: Rev. C. E. Hatcher, New York
- 9:30 "Redeeming the Time Through Preventing Youth Delinquency"
Rev. James E. Coates, District of Columbia
Alternate: Rev. J. E. Cameron, Mississippi
- 10:00 Greetings from Fraternal Delegates led by
Dr. Victor Glass, Southern Baptist Convention
- 10:30 Music: Rev. C. E. Hatcher, New York
Report of National Laymen, Mr. Chester E. Dixon, Illinois
- 11:00 Report of Moderator's Council,
Dr. John H. Nichols, New York
- 11:30 Dr. Richard H. Dixon, New York
- 11:40 Sermon: Dr. M. L. Shepard, Pennsylvania
Alternate: Dr. F. L. Porter, Illinois
Offering — Presentation of Guests — Announcements — Benediction

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 10, 1964

- 2:00 Devotions: Dr. D. E. King, New York
Devotional Message: Rev. J. S. Hall, Pennsylvania
Alternate: Dr. E. L. Haywood, New York
- 2:15 Annual Message: Dr. Uwee Mmodana-Arbouin,
President of The Woman's Auxiliary
(Parent Body will assemble with Women at Ebenezer Baptist Church
will return to Wheel Street following address)
- 3:30 Report of Executive Secretary
Dr. L. V. Booth
- 4:00 Sermon: Dr. R. T. Andrews, Indiana
Alternate: Rev. E. B. Joyner, Indiana
Offering — Presentation of Guests — Announcements — Benediction

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1964

- 7:00 Devotions: Dr. D. E. King, New York
Devotional Message
Rev. Vandroth Backus, South Carolina
Alternate: Rev. Ira B. Lavigne, Pennsylvania
- 7:30 Hour of Commitment
Conducted by Gardner C. Taylor,
Vice President-at-Large
- 8:30 Sermon: Dr. Jack O'Neal, California
- 9:00 PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE
Dr. T. M. Chambers, California
Music: Wheat Street Choirs
Offering — Announcements — Benediction

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1964

- 8:00 Devotions: Conducted by The Home Mission Board,
Rev. Lloyd A. Burrus, Chairman, New York
Dr. S. M. Weaver, Corresponding Secretary, Texas
- 8:30 Committee Reports
- 9:00 Report of Officers
- 10:00 Report of Committee on Officers
Election of Officers
- 10:50 Business Period
- 12:00 Sermon: Dr. L. J. Alford, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Alternate: Dr. William H. Crews, Virginia
Offering — Presentation of Guests — Announcements — Benediction

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 11, 1964

- 2:00 Devotions: Dr. W. K. Jackson, Oklahoma
Devotional Message: "Redeeming the Time Through Civic Alertness
and Progress"
Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, Tennessee
Alternate: Rev. William L. Lambert, Illinois
- 2:30 Dr. Paul Madsen, Pennsylvania,
American Baptist Convention
- 2:50 Report on Constitutional Revisions and Addition of By-Laws
Dr. E. C. Smith, District of Columbia
- 4:15 Home Mission Board Hour
Sermon: Rev. W. L. Amos, Missouri
Alternate: Rev. J. D. Provo, Oklahoma
Offering — Announcements — Benediction

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1964

BAPTIST FREEDOM NIGHT

- 7:30 Devotions: Dr. W. K. Jackson, Oklahoma
Devotional Message: Rev. Otis Moss, Jr., Ohio
Alternate: Rev. Norman L. Townsel, Ohio
- 7:45 "Redeeming the Time Through Non-Violent Action"
Rev. J. R. McKissick, Florida
Alternate: Rev. B. L. Hooks, Tennessee
- 8:15 Recognition of Civil Rights Leaders
Dr. Marvin T. Robinson, California
Solo: Mrs. Mabel Lewis
"You Need Not Walk Alone"
Dedicated to Dr. M. L. King, Jr.
Music by Ernestine Daniels
Words by L. Venchael Booth
- 8:30 Civil Rights Emancipation Address
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Georgia
Alternate: Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., California
Music: Convention Choirs
Offering — Announcements — Benediction

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1964

- 8:30 Devotions: Dr. H. J. Trapp, Pennsylvania
Devotional Message: "Redeeming the Time Through World-Wide
Missionary Participation"
Dr. A. A. Banks, Sr., Michigan
Alternate: Dr. O. M. Locust, Sr., Pennsylvania
- 9:00 Report of Auxiliaries, Committees and Commissions
- 11:00 MEMORIAL HOUR
Sermon: Dr. J. J. Johnson, North Carolina
Alternate: Dr. C. C. Suggs, Alabama
Offering — Announcements — Benediction

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 12, 1964

- SIGHT-SEEING for MESSENGERS and VISITORS
We recommend all Educational and Business Institutions as well as
Atlanta's fine churches
- 4:00 Executive Board Meeting
(Officers are requested to have all expense accounts typewritten or
legibly written on paper 8½ x 11 accompanied by receipts or bills.)
Persons desiring fast accommodations will pass in expense accounts
to the Executive Secretary by Noon on Friday.

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1964

7:30 Devotions: Dr. T. J. Jenkins, New York
 Devotional Message: "Redeeming the Time Through A Renewed Emphasis on Evangelism"
 Rev. W. W. Taylor, Illinois
 Alternate: Rev. R. M. Joseph, Alabama
 Evangelistic Hour
 Dr. T. J. Jenkins, Chairman, New York
 Sermon: Dr. C. W. Butler, Michigan
 Alternate: Dr. J. W. Booker, Louisiana
 Offering -- Announcements -- Benediction

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964

Wheat Street Baptist Church
 Dr. William H. Borders, Pastor

11:00 Worship Service
 Sermon: Dr. T. M. Chambers, President
 Alternate: Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Vice President-at-Large
 Offering -- Announcements -- Benediction

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964

MASS MEETING

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BUREAU, U. S. A., INC.

Presiding	Dr. E. R. Searcy Pastor of Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
Processional March	Atlanta Churches
Scripture -- Prayer	Rev. J. A. Wilborn Pastor of Union Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
Sermon	Dr. R. L. Patterson Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.
Alternate	Dr. W. J. Hoyle Pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.
Appeal	Dr. M. L. King Sr. Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
Remarks	Mrs. Uvee Mmodana Arbouin, President, Woman's Auxiliary, P. N. B. C., Inc. Dr. T. M. Chambers, President, P. N. B. C., Inc. Dr. R. A. Cromwell, Executive Secretary, Baptist Foreign Bureau Dr. C. C. Adams, National Coordinator and Special Consultant, B. F. M. B., U. S. A., Inc.

Minutes of the Third Annual Session OF THE

**PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.
WHEAT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

September 5, 1964

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1964

At 8:00 A.M. the Home Mission Board conducted devotions. Dr. Lloyd A. Burrus, New York, Chairman, Dr. S. M. Weaver, Texas, Corresponding Secretary.

At 9:00 A.M. a song service was conducted by Professor E. Clifford Davis, Florida. Mr. James Francis at the console of the organ and Mrs. Jeanne T. Pollard at the keyboard of the piano. A number of the old familiar hymns, such as "What a Fellowship" and "Lift Him Up," were sung.

President Chambers was presented as the audience stood. After preliminary remarks concerning procedure to be followed during the session, he called the convention to order and announced it open for business. The secretary was called upon to read the program. It was moved and seconded that the program be adopted. Rev. E. J. Richardson, Chairman of the Education Board, observed that this board was not listed for a report. The President pointed out that his board is included on program Saturday at 9:00 A.M. Dr. E. C. Smith pointed out that according to the present constitution, no revisions can be made to the constitution after the second day. Therefore, consideration of constitutional changes will have to be no later than Thursday. Dr. E. L. Harrison made an amendment to the motion that the report of the constitutional committee be made Thursday after the sermon by Dr. R. T. Andrews, which is scheduled for 4:00 P.M.; seconded by Rev. E. J. Richardson. Amendment adopted. Dr. T. S. Boone had an unreadiness. He is opposed to our dismissing to go to the Women's Auxiliary. They should come to the Parent Body. The program was adopted with the suggested changes. Dr. William H. Borders, host pastor, requested that the Welcome Program be moved from this morning to 7:00 P.M. this evening. The change was accepted by common consent.

The President called upon the Secretary to read the list of twelve (12) convention committees. Rev. E. J. Richardson, New Jersey, was added to the Appropriations Committee. Dr. Percetti, President of the Progressive Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, asked that Rev. W. H. Anderson from Pennsylvania be added to one of the committees. Rev. E. R. Williams spoke in opposition to any one man being on more than one committee. This was the sentiment of the body. The President ruled that no one would be on more than one committee.

Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Vice President-at-Large, called for the introductory sermon. Rev. R. M. Randall, Michigan, sang a solo, "Something Within." Rev. Louis Johnson, the alternate, read 2 Tim. 2:1-8, and introduced Dr. T. S. Boone for the introductory sermon. Rev. Randal favored us with another solo, "Blessed Assurance."

Dr. T. S. Boone's text, 2 Tim. 2:8; subject, "Think About Jesus." (1) He is known in history. (2) He is known in nature. (3) He is Master over temptation. (4) He is the subject of art. (5) He is in music. (6) The literature of the world remembers Jesus. (7) An acrostic on soldiers: saved, order, loyal, duty, interested, eternal, regenerated. (8) Three fundamental facts: (a) The incarnation, (b) The death of Jesus, (c) His resurrection. The preacher lifted his audience with a powerful, soul-stirring sermon. Rev. Randal led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace."

Offering \$27.40.

Benediction by Dr. T. S. Boone.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1964

Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. Edward Banks. Prayer was offered. Rev. E. Hatcher led the congregation in singing, "He Will Remember Me." Rev. B. gave a devotional message, "The Missing Man," based on John 10:24. Rev. Hatcher led in singing, "Guide Me O' Thou Great Jehovah."

Vice President Gardner C. Taylor presented Dr. L. V. Booth, Executive Secretary. Dr. Booth stated that registrations have reached such a large number that registration blanks have been exhausted. More blanks are being prepared in the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which is across the street. He urged all delegates to take the Convention Field Trip to Morehouse College and the new dormitory being built at the Interdenominational Theological Center, to which churches of this convention have contributed more than \$12,000. Dr. Booth's remarks were received with great joy.

Dr. Taylor presented Mrs. Annie M. Serrano, President of the Ushers' Convention. After preliminary remarks, Mrs. Serrano presented the Secretary to make the report of the Ushers. (See the report.)

Dr. C. C. Adams, Secretary Emeritus of the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau, was presented by Dr. Taylor with laudatory remarks. Dr. Taylor stated that the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau, which is our Bureau, is the only Negro Baptist Agency with a healing ministry in Africa. Dr. Adams presented Dr. R. A. Cromwell, the new Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau.

Dr. Cromwell stated that Dr. Adams has written his autobiography and is giving the proceeds from the sale of the book to the Foreign Mission Bureau. He gave a brief history of the founding and development of the bureau and its accomplishments. He introduced a young African boy from Nigeria whom he is educating to become a doctor. He will return to serve his people.

Vice President Taylor introduced Dr. J. Raymond Henderson, a former Pastor of Wheat Street Church and the Pastor Emeritus of Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Cal., for the afternoon sermon. Rev. E. C. Hatcher directed the congregation in singing, "Draw Me Nearer."

Dr. Henderson, having presided at the organizational meeting of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, paid tribute to Dr. L. V. Booth for his vision in calling the meeting and arguing in favor of organizing the convention. He also paid a tribute to Dr. Chambers for going along with the idea of organizing and accepting the presidency.

Dr. Henderson's subject, "Launching the Foreign Missionary Enterprise," Mt. 28:18-20 and Acts 1:4, 8-11. (1) It was launched from a position of power. (2) It was launched from the position of the world's need. (3) It was launched from the position of good news. (4) It was launched from the position of divine authority. (5) It was launched from the expectation of Jesus' return. This was a great and masterful sermon. Mrs. Jeanne Pollard, West Virginia, sang "Lord I Want to Live for Thee." The spirit was high and prevailing.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College, made brief remarks. He has four busses to carry delegates to see the dormitory under construction on the campus of the Interdenominational Theological Center. A reception will be at Morehouse College.

An offering for Foreign Mission was taken.

Benediction by Rev. W. E. Fauntroy.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1964

Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. Edward Banks, assisted by Rev. C. E. Hatcher. Prayer by Deacon Holburn Meadows, Bethel Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. Several solos were rendered by Rev. Hatcher, Rev. Brock, Rev. J. M. Douglas. The song service was concluded with the congregation singing, "Will the Lord Remember Me?" with Mrs. Jeanne Pollard singing the verses.

Dr. E. L. Harrison read a resolution to the effect that we seek to create and maintain fraternal relations with the other Baptist Conventions, including sending greetings to the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., in Detroit, Michigan, and to the National Baptist Convention of America, meeting in California. Dr. Harrison moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by many brethren. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor put the motion and it was carried unanimously.

President Chambers called all College Presidents, present, to the rostrum. Dr. Owen, Selma University; Dr. C. L. Dinkins, Owen College; and Dr. Bacoates, Benedict College, came to the rostrum. Dr. Bacoates presented Dr. Milton K. Curry, Jr., president of Bishop College, Dallas, Tex., for the feature

of the evening. Dr. Curry's subject was "Redeeming the Time Through Christian Education." Dr. Curry said that our president, Dr. Chambers, has been a member of the Bishop College Trustee Board for fifteen years and has led his church to give more money to Bishop College than any other church since he has been president of the college. Last Spring, Dr. Chambers presented \$1,000 to Bishop College from the Progressive National Baptist Convention. This is more than has been given by any other National Baptist Convention in eighty years.

In Dr. Curry's address he emphasized the importance of faith compared with reason. The first perspective of faith is to keep God central. Faith keeps man humble. Another perspective of faith is commitment to a great cause. Ignorance is never to be equated with holiness. Dr. Curry's address was a scholarly masterpiece.

Dr. Chambers read a telegram on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance, from the secretary.

Dr. Borders was presented to conduct the Welcome Program. He praised Atlanta as the greatest city in America and Wheat Street Church as the greatest church in America. He related some of the achievements of the city and the church. He presented Mayor Ivan Allen for greetings. The remainder of the Welcome Program consisted of a film with taped messages of welcome from educational institutions and business enterprises in the city of Atlanta.

Dr. E. R. Williams, Illinois, responded briefly to the welcome. Because there were so few delegates present at this hour, Dr. Gardner Taylor suggested that Dr. Williams be put on the program at the next annual session to respond to the welcome.

The hour had grown late, nevertheless, those present agreed to remain to consider the proposed blueprint for the convention. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, presiding, called for Rev. Louis Johnson, Michigan, secretary of the Refining Committee, to read the committee recommendations.

The first report read was that of the committee on publications. It was moved and seconded that item one be adopted. Dr. Boone had an unreadiness and it was agreed to add that "the Board of Publications be under the supervision of the convention." Item one was adopted. Item number two was adopted. On motion to adopt item number three, Dr. G. K. Offutt wanted to know when the Publications Board would report to the convention. Dr. Taylor ruled that as soon as the board is elected, they will proceed as soon as possible and report to the convention. The question of conflicts between this blueprint and the new constitution was discussed and it was agreed that where there may be conflicts, the constitution would take precedence and the blueprint would be null and void on those points. Item three adopted. On motion to adopt item number four, questions arose as to the proper status of the Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Chappelle gave the position of the committee that the Board of Publications would spell out the duties of the Editor-in-Chief. In item #4 it was agreed to insert "of publications" following the words Editor-in-Chief. Item #4 was adopted. Item #5 was adopted. Item #6 was adopted. Item #7 was adopted. Item #8 was adopted.

The report of the committee on education was adopted with these changes: Eliminate the phrase "all aspects of" in item #2. Addition of item #7 establishing a Board of Education. The entire committee report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read. The entire report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Social Concerns was read and adopted with the addition of items on Christian Family Life and the Aging.

The report of the Budget Committee was adopted.

Dr. Taylor expressed his appreciation to the group for remaining to deliberate on the matters presented by the various reports until the late hour of 12:15 A.M.

Closing prayer by Rev. Howard W. Creecy.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1964

Eight o'clock devotions were conducted by the Home Mission Board, Dr. David A. Burrus, Chairman, Dr. S. M. Weaver, Corresponding Secretary.

Congregational singing was directed by Rev. C. E. Hatcher, assisted by Mrs. Jeanne Pollard and Mrs. Marvella Bates.

Rev. E. Cameron, Mississippi, the alternate, introduced Rev. James E. Coates, District of Columbia, to discuss the topic "Redeeming the Time Through Preventing Youth Delinquency." Some factors on the problem of delinquency are youths from working class homes are measured by middle class standards, lack of supervision by working mothers, and lack of affection by parents. This was a very fine address on youth delinquency.

Due to the absence of the president and all the vice presidents, Rev. Hatcher, the music director, asked Dr. John H. Nichols, president of the moderator's council, to preside.

Dr. Nichols presented Dr. Victor Glass, from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for fraternal greetings. He spoke encouragingly of the Southern Baptist and Progressive National Baptists working together to extend our Baptist witness in the world. He presented Dr. Court Redford, retiring executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also emphasized the need and great importance of our working together to win the world for Christ. America is the only nation that can evangelize the world. The churches of Europe are dormant. His board has 2,370 Home Missionaries and 1,800 Chaplains, military and hospital.

Rev. C. E. Hatcher led the congregation in a song.

Mr. Chester E. Dixon, Illinois, President of the Progressive National Laymen, was presented to make his annual report. (See the report.) Report adopted.

Dr. John H. Nichols, president of the Moderators Council, presented Dr. James Douglas, secretary of the Moderators Council for their report. He gave a partial report of finance received up to this time, amount \$697. Report adopted.

The executive secretary, Dr. Booth, was presented. Dr. Booth urged the delegates to buy the autobiography of Dr. C. C. Adams, "I Sat Where They Sat." Dr. Adams was presented to make comments on his book. Dr. Booth also urged the delegates to buy the biography of the late Dr. L. K. Williams, former president of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., entitled "Sun Crowned." Dr. Booth is the publisher of this volume.

Dr. L. A. Pinkston, former president of the Georgia Missionary Baptist Convention and vice president of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., was recognized and allowed to make remarks. He has been sick for six years. He expressed appreciation for friends and his belief in prayer.

Dr. S. H. James, Southwestern Regional President, introduced Dr. Martin E. England, Southern Representative of Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of American Baptist Convention. He extended greetings.

Dr. Booth presented Dr. Richard H. Dixon, of the Goodwill Association. He has been to the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., in Detroit, Mich., and is on his way to the National Baptist Convention of America in California. He has money from a foundation for nurseries in churches.

Dr. Booth presented Dr. D. V. Casson of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for greetings. He reported 30,000 National Baptists and 1,000 Southern Baptists had been engaged in joint work together.

Dr. Rueben, president of Morris College in Sumter, S. C., was recognized.

Professor E. Clifford Davis sang one of his own compositions entitled "The Holy Spirit." The congregation was carried to the heights as Reverends J. M. Douglas and C. E. Hatcher and Mrs. Marvella Bates joined Professor Davis in singing "The Holy Spirit."

Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, vice president-at-large, took charge and made inspiring remarks on the progress of our convention and its great future. Dr. F. L. Porter, the alternate to the speaker, read John 21:5-17 and introduced Dr. Marshall L. Shepard, Pennsylvania, for the morning sermon. Rev. Hatcher directed the congregation in singing "What a Fellowship."

Dr. Shepard introduced his son, Marshall Shepard, Jr., co-pastor with him, and asked him to bring Mrs. Marshall Shepard, Sr., to the front. He has no

for public office seven times and elected seven times. In the church he has not been so fortunate.

Subject, "The Sphere and the Outreach of the Church." He used the words, "Children have you any meat?" The apostles went fishing without Jesus and failed. What ought the church to be concerned with? Everything that concerns the total man. Jesus was interested in the disciples' welfare, psychologically and economically. Jesus performed miracles to meet specific needs. He turned water into wine to save a family embarrassment. He fed the 5,000 because the people were hungry and there was nowhere to buy any food. The church must be concerned with all of man's needs.

Rev. G. W. Criss, New York, sang a solo, "King Jesus Will Roll All Burdens Away."

President Chambers came forward and made some remarks. He presented Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and co-pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church of this city. Dr. King gave words of welcome and explained his inability to be present on Friday night to appear on our program. Dr. King has been invited by the Honorable Willie Brant, Mayor of West Berlin, Germany, to speak at the opening of the Cultural Fair in Berlin. He will speak on Sunday afternoon to the Christians in East Berlin. Rev. Otis Moss, Ohio, vice president of the S. C. L. C., will speak instead of Dr. King, and Dr. Thomas Kilgore, California, West Coast Conference, will make the appeal for finance. He thanked the pastors and churches for supporting the S. C. L. C. They now have eighty-five people on their staff throughout the South. Dr. King stirred his audience with oratorical flights.

Offering \$32.09.

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR. S. S. HODGES, Secretary

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 10, 1964

Dr. Gardner C. Taylor called the convention to order at 4:20 P.M. (The Parent Body had been in recess in order to permit as many men as desired to attend the Women's Auxiliary to hear the president's annual address.) Professor E. Clifford Davis led the congregation in singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Prayer by a deacon from Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. Hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Rev. Wm. H. Anderson, Pennsylvania, presented Rev. J. S. Hall, Philadelphia, to discuss the devotional message. Rev. Hall chose for his subject, "Unshaken Values," based on Hebrews 12:28-29. Things you cannot shake: (1) His hope. (2) His faith. (3) His belief that right will win. (4) His belief in prayer.

Rev. E. L. Haywood, Bayshore, N. Y., led in prayer.

Dr. L. V. Booth, the executive secretary, was presented for his report. He acknowledged the publication of his report by the David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, Ill., without cost. Dr. Booth quoted I Chr. 16:8 and proceeded to give his report. (See the report.) One of the highlights of his report was the amount of more than \$12,000 given to I. T. C. Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Dr. J. E. Kirkland, pastor, gave \$5,000; Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Dr. Kilgore, pastor, \$2,000; New Calvary Baptist Church, Detroit, Rev. Butler, pastor, \$1,000. He commented upon the recording secretary in compiling the minutes. Rev. Wm. L. Lambert made favorable comments on the fine orderly report of the executive secretary and moved that the report be adopted. It was seconded and adopted. Rev. Charles Houston observed that the church and convention should receive credit for money given to schools or other objectives.

Dr. O. H. Stinson, president of New Era Baptist State Convention of Georgia, stated that his convention had given \$6,000 to I. T. C.

Rev. E. M. Joyner, Indiana, the alternate to Dr. R. T. Andrews, read Acts 21:1-26 and introduced Dr. Andrews. His text was Acts 11:19, 20, subject, "The Wisdom of Fools." The preachers in the text were fools for Christ. They disregarded the rules; they just preached. They had no fear of failure or ridicule. The Bible is filled with examples of those who were fools.

Rev. J. T. McKibbons of Atlanta sang a solo, "Precious Lord."

According to the revision of the program adopted on the first day it was now time to read and act on the revised constitution. Dr. T. S. Boone, Michigan, called attention to the existing constitution under which we are now operating, which requires that amendments be read on the first day and acted on no later than the second day. It was agreed that it was too late to read and act on the revised constitution.

Rev. E. R. Williams, Illinois, moved and it was seconded by E. R. Searcy, Georgia, that the revised constitution be continued in the hands of the Constitutional Committee and the report made in the next annual session, on the first day and action taken on the second day. The Program Committee will be informed and requested to allow adequate time for acting on the constitution. Further, that the Constitutional Committee be increased from nine (9) to fifteen (15) members. Dr. J. E. Kirkland raised the question as to whether the constitution was ever adopted. After many expressions pro and con as to the matter of the adoption of the constitution, the recording secretary read from the record of the adoption of the constitution in Union Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., September 7, 1962. Motion adopted by a standing vote. There were no opposers to the motion.

Announcements of committee meetings.

Benediction by Rev. C. U. Houston.

The committee members who prepared the proposed revised constitution and by-laws are as follows: E. C. Smith, Chairman, E. L. Harrison, C. V. Johnson, J. E. Kirkland, Sr., J. H. Nichols, W. H. R. Powell, J. W. Hollis, I. I. Hunter and Wm. L. Lambert. Names added by President Chambers are: T. S. Boone, W. A. Jones, Jr., E. T. Brown, W. D. McClung, Chas. Adams, and W. W. Taylor.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 10, 1964

Rev. A. Edward Banks opened the service with singing. Dr. D. E. King, New York, came forward to conduct devotions. The hymn "Draw Me Nearer" was sung. Scripture lesson, John 1:1-12. Dr. King led in prayer and conducted the convention in singing "Guide Me O' Thou Great Jehovah."

Rev. Vandroth Backus, South Carolina, gave the devotional message. He based his message on Acts 15:9 and used the theme, "Qualifications of Effective Witnessing." (1) An effective witness must be born again. (2) An effective witness must have knowledge of God. (3) An effective witness must not remain silent. (4) He must know that God is able. The devotional period was closed by singing "Lift Him Up." Dr. King asked each person to shake hands with the person next to him as the chorus was sung.

The executive secretary was presiding. He expressed the appreciation of us all for having Dr. D. E. King to lead our devotions. He recognized several persons present: Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Williams, Denver, Colo.; Rev. Marvin T. Robinson, California; Dr. Varnado, a veteran preacher, was presented for remarks. He is 85 years of age, has been a Christian for 70 years, a preacher 40 years. He served in the National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc., in one job for 36 years. He said we have a real convention. Rev. W. K. Jackson, Oklahoma, was presented for remarks. He assured us that Oklahoma Baptists are with us.

Dr. J. J. Johnson expressed thanks to this convention for helping Shaw University to overcome her financial difficulties. The Baptists over the country, especially those in North Carolina, raised for Shaw \$350,000.

Dr. W. H. Skipwith, veteran evangelist and singer, 90 years of age, and a member of the National Baptist Convention since 1900, sang "Christ is All." Dr. Skipwith stirred our souls.

Dr. Booth presented Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, vice president-at-large, with choice words, reminding us of the part which Dr. Taylor has played in bringing this convention into existence.

Dr. Taylor painted with beautiful word-pictures the manner by which this convention was born through great suffering and trial. He conducted an hour of commitment in which every pastor took pledge cards and indicated how much they will give per month to the budget of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Pledges ranged from \$100 per month downward. Pledge cards were brought up by the pastors as the convention sang, "Is Your Altar On the Altar?"

Dr. Booth presented Mrs. T. M. Chambers who graciously responded by thanking everyone for the support given to her husband, President Chambers.

Dr. T. R. Washington, Eastern Regional President, made the appeal for the public offering. Amount received \$259.47.

Dr. Taylor presented Dr. Chambers for his third annual address as president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. He received a standing ovation. Dr. Skipwith led the convention in singing, "Beulah Land."

Dr. Chambers' subject was "The Challenge of a Chance." (1) The challenge of the convention. (2) The challenges of the Christian Church. (3) The challenge of civil rights. Liberalism vs. State Rightism. Distributive justice and retributive justice. He climaxed his address by speaking to the American flag in an original poem. Another great message from our first president. (See the address.)

Vice President Taylor announced an increase in registration of 134 churches and 210 delegates over last year. Pledges for the convention received tonight amounted to \$30,000.

The Evangelistic board took charge for a late service. Sermon by Rev. T. M. Chambers, Jr.

Offering \$25 for the Evangelism Department, one-half of which was given to the speaker.

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR. S. S. HODGES, Secretary

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1964

Eight o'clock devotions conducted by the Home Mission Board. Rev. Lloyd A. Burrus, Chairman, New York, Dr. S. M. Weaver, corresponding secretary, Texas.

At 9:45, Rev. C. E. Hatcher conducted a song service. Dr. Booth, the executive secretary, took charge and made appropriate remarks. He presented Dr. Victor Glass of the Department of Work with National Baptists from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Glass introduced Dr. Rutledge, secretary-elect of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Rutledge stated that Baptists comprise 10% of the U. S. population, two-thirds of all foreign missionaries are from America and two-thirds of all foreign mission funds come from America.

Greetings were read from Dr. Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention; Dr. Jack O'Neal, director of work with National Baptists in California; Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

The report of the Educational Board was made by Dr. E. J. Richardson, New Jersey, Chairman. He requested that all states recommend men for the educational board. He recommended Rev. Joseph Dale for secretary of the board. Moved by Rev. S. D. McIver, North Carolina. Seconded by J. N. Wordlaw. Report adopted. (See the report.)

Dr. S. D. Edward, Secretary of Religious Education, made his report. Motion by Rev. Henry McGill, South Carolina, seconded by Rev. Augustus Lewis, District of Columbia. Report adopted. (See report.)

Dr. H. J. Trapp made the report for the Time and Place Committee. The committee submitted two invitations for the 1965 session—Los Angeles, Cal., and Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Cromwell moved that the report be deferred until President Chambers is present. Dr. E. J. Richardson seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

The secretary read the report of the auditor of the convention. He was absent due to death in his family. The report was adopted on motion by Rev. Owen W. Ritter, District of Columbia, and seconded by Rev. George W. Thomas.

The treasurer, Dr. W. H. R. Powell, made his report. It was moved by Rev. J. Smith, Alabama, and seconded by Rev. I. V. Jefferson, West Virginia, that the treasurer's report be adopted. Report adopted. (See the report.)

Dr. T. S. Boone, historian of the convention, made his very scholarly and illuminating report. Vice President Taylor was presiding and called for a motion to adopt the report. It was moved by Rev. Joseph Dale, New Jersey,

and seconded by Rev. J. F. Suggs, evangelist from East St. Louis, that the report be adopted. Report adopted.

Dr. E. L. Harrison reported that our convention is recognized by the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel. The fee is \$100. Dr. C. V. Johnson moved and it was seconded that the report be adopted. Report adopted.

Dr. J. A. Williams, the statistician, made his report. He complained that most of the churches do not give figures to show the strength of our convention. He reported, however, 1,001,800 members. On motion and second, the report of the statistician was adopted.

Dr. John H. Nichols, president of the Moderators Council, reported \$488 received through the registration committee and \$845 received in the moderators' meeting for a total of \$1,333. Report adopted. (See report.)

The report of the committee on the state of the country was made by Dr. L. K. Jackson, Indiana. The report was received with enthusiasm and applause. Rev. Young, Florida, moved and Rev. Green, District of Columbia, seconded that the report be adopted. Report adopted.

Rev. J. Webster Green made the report for the Ways and Means Committee. The report was adopted.

Dr. Chambers called our attention to the fact that he had endorsed President Lyndon B. Johnson, but felt that the convention officially should take a stand. It was moved by Rev. J. Webster Green and seconded by many brethren that the convention go on record endorsing President Lyndon B. Johnson for President of the United States. Rev. George W. Thomas was not ready. He feels that we should not endorse any candidate, but leave it with each person to decide whom he should vote for. Dr. S. D. Edwards is against those who voted against civil rights. C. V. Johnson is against setting a precedent. L. K. Jackson was against the convention taking a stand, but individuals should act. Dr. Chambers spoke in defense of his contention that the convention should endorse President Johnson. Dr. H. J. Trapp spoke against setting a precedent of endorsing a candidate for President. Dr. Provo, Oklahoma, spoke against the convention endorsing a candidate. Dr. E. C. Smith, District of Columbia, made a substitute motion that we commend the President of our convention for his stand in the matter of civil rights. The substitute motion was seconded by many brethren. Dr. E. L. Harrison admonished the convention not to go on record opposing the President, when we had approved his annual address on last night. President Chambers requested that the whole matter be withdrawn for the sake of peace. The secretary reminded the brethren that no action was taken on the President's address the night before.

Dr. E. C. Smith moved that the President's message be adopted. Seconded by Rev. H. J. Trapp. The motion was adopted. This settled the matter.

Dr. H. J. Trapp, Pennsylvania, reported again for the Time and Place Committee, submitting the two invitations from Los Angeles, Cal., and Memphis, Tenn. Dr. F. L. Porter moved and Dr. J. Carl Mitchell seconded the motion that the report be received for consideration. Motion passed. Rev. Ciss moved and J. J. Koger seconded that Cincinnati, Ohio, be one of the cities to be considered for the 1965 Annual Session.

Vice President Gardner C. Taylor ruled that each city will have one speaker to invite the convention. Dr. L. S. Sorrell made the invitational speech for Memphis, Tenn. Dr. L. K. Jackson spoke for Cincinnati, Ohio. The speaker for Los Angeles, Cal., was Dr. Thomas Kilgore.

Vice President Taylor appointed as tellers, Reverends Jeffrey Joseph, C. C. Suggs and E. R. Williams. The vote by standing was as follows: Cincinnati 4; Los Angeles 136; Memphis 131. The report of the tellers was adopted. President Chambers commended the convention for its decision.

On the suggestion of Dr. O. H. Stinson, President of the New Era Baptist Convention of Georgia, the convention agreed to send a telegram to Dr. R. H. Milner, vice president of the New Era State Convention, who is ill at home. The telegram reads thus:

R. H. Milner
2905 Dale Creek Dr. N. W.
Atlanta, Ga.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., in its third

annual session in Wheat Street Baptist Church, sends greetings to you and are praying for your speedy recovery. The great Physician has not lost His healing power. He can raise you now, according to His will.

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, Pres.
DR. S. S. HODGES, Sec.

The convention sang "Amazing Grace," directed by Rev. C. E. Hatcher. Rev. L. J. Alford, Florida, was presented for the sermon. He reminded his audience that he was present at the organization of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. He seconded the motion for the organization. He chose for his text, Psalm 29:9. Subject, "A Glorifying Church in a Sinful Age." The burden of his message was that all sciences and nature glorifies God. This was a very inspiring sermon. Rev. F. T. Eddins, Louisiana, prayed a powerful prayer at the conclusion of the sermon.

President Chambers announced that Dr. W. C. Williams, Denver, Colo., would be substituted for Dr. W. K. Jackson for the devotions at 7:30 P.M. "Draw Me Nearer" was sung by the musical group as the public offering was received. Amount of offering \$13.02.

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Nichols

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR. S. S. HODGES, Secretary

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 11, 1964

The afternoon session was called to order by Vice President Taylor. The convention sang "I Am Thine O Lord." Dr. W. K. Jackson was presented to conduct devotions. He read Hebrews 11:8-12 and led in prayer. Mrs. Anderson, directress of music for the Oklahoma Baptist State Convention, sang a solo, "I Must Tell Jesus." Dr. Kelley Miller Smith, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Eighth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn., discussed the theme, "Redeeming the Time Through Civic Alertness and Progress." In civic progress we must not be deterred by fear. We must not be satisfied and quit the fight with half victories. We must keep up the struggle until we achieve freedom in every area of life. Mrs. Anderson concluded the devotional period with a solo, "Willing to Run All the Way."

President Chambers asked Dr. Gardner Taylor to present Dr. Paul Madsen, a representative of the American Baptist Convention. Dr. Madsen commented on the number of men in the Progressive National Baptist Convention who are affiliated in various ways with the American Baptist Convention. It is the purpose of the American Baptist Convention to work with people and not for them. He will soon go to Mississippi to participate in the World Council's Mississippi Delta Project. The World Council is sending money into Mississippi because the problems there are world problems. The speaker said that American Baptists are ready to assist financially when the Progressive Baptists elect a full-time executive secretary.

Rev. W. F. Paschal, 103 years of age and former pastor of Hunter Street Baptist Church, was introduced for remarks. Rev. Paschal has been preaching 78 years, has pastored forty-two churches, six of them in Atlanta. He pastored one church forty years. To the question of how he manages to have a good mind at his age, he holds that mind is as eternal as God. We must keep our minds free—free of hate, etc. An offering of \$72.32 was raised and given to Rev. Paschal.

The report of the Committee on Permanent Organization was read by Rev. M. Ivory Jefferson, Virginia. Dr. H. H. Coleman presided during the consideration of the report. Rev. C. C. Suggs, Mississippi, moved and Rev. W. Taylor, Illinois, seconded the motion that the report be adopted. Report adopted. Dr. W. H. R. Powell moved and several brethren seconded the motion that the committee be given a standing vote of thanks and dismissed. Motion adopted by the convention standing.

Dr. Chambers informed us that Rev. J. I. Hunter, the corresponding secretary, is physically incapacitated and we should have someone to do the work of the corresponding secretary. Rev. W. D. McClung, Michigan, moved and many brethren seconded the motion that the president be empowered to appoint someone to serve as corresponding secretary for the time being. Motion adopted.

On the matter of the secretary of religious education, Dr. C. V. Johnson moved and several brethren seconded that Dr. S. D. Edwards be retained as secretary of religious education. Motion adopted.

The hour was growing late and Dr. Weaver called for the order of the day. Professor Davis led the convention in singing "Lift Him Up." Rev. J. H. Provo, Oklahoma, the alternate, presented the preacher for the Home Mission Board Hour, the Rev. W. L. Amos, Missouri. Rev. Amos' subject was "Prayer Will Change Things," based on Mark 14:38. He took the word "watch" and told what each letter means. Watch our walk, action, tongue, company, and home. He emphasized the need for prayer. Professor E. Clifford Davis sang "Holy Spirit." Offering for the Home Mission Board \$22.13.

Dr. T. S. Boone read a letter from Rev. B. A. Robinson in Michigan. He sent a check for \$25 to represent his church. Dr. Chambers reported that he had received a letter from Dr. J. C. Austin, Sr., Chicago, Ill., stating his inability to attend but was sending representation and fifteen messengers. A motion was made and adopted that the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, Mich., be received as a member of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

The convention secretary read the list of officers for the Home Mission Board for 1964-65. Dr. C. V. Johnson moved and Dr. J. H. Nichols seconded that the report be adopted.

Dr. T. R. Washington, Pennsylvania, introduced Rev. and Mrs. Arthur W. Jones, Newark, N. J.

Announcements and Benediction

DR T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR S. S. HODGES, Secretary

FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1964

Dr. S. H. James, Southwestern Regional President, called the meeting to order and presented Rev. D. E. King, New York, to conduct the devotional period. The hymn "Lift Him Up" was sung. John 1:1-12 was read by Rev. King and he led us to the throne of grace in prayer. We sang meditatively "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Rev. M. C. Williams, New Hope Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., was presented for the devotional message which was based on the words, "When I thought about this, it was too painful until I went into the sanctuary," taken from the 73rd Psalm. The age-old question, why does the unrighteous prosper and the righteous suffer. In the sanctuary he saw the end of the unrighteous. In the sanctuary he saw the end of Judas, Dives. This was a very touching devotional message. Rev. King closed the devotional period by leading the convention in singing, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

Dr. James presented Rev. J. H. McKissick, Florida, to discuss the theme "Redeeming the Time Through Non-violent Action." From the dawn of civilization, there have been those who resorted to non-violence as a r achieving victory. Moses led Israel out of Egypt by non-violent action at Jericho was non-violent and Gideon in his battle with Midian. Jesus at Nazareth was the greatest of all non-violent leaders. This was an inspiring and challenging message.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis was presented to sing a solo, "You Need Not Walk Alone." The words were written by Dr. L. V. Booth, executive secretary, and the music was composed by Mrs. Ernestine Daniels. The composition is dedicated to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. Lewis' rendition of this special number was very good.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was programmed to deliver the civil rights emancipation address, but could not be present because of his departure for Berlin, Germany. The alternate, Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., California, was presented to make the appeal for funds for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Amount of offering \$319.55.

Executive Secretary Booth introduced Rev. Otis Moss, Lockland, Ohio, to give the civil rights emancipation address. The audience stood and sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. Moss took for his subject, "Redeeming the Time Through Responsible Leadership." Moses didn't remain on good terms with the power structure. (1) Responsible leadership is that leadership committed to truth. (2) Leadership that is willing to suffer. Cooperation will save us

but competition will destroy us. Dignity is coming south and the klan is going north. (3) Leadership that recognizes the hand of God in history. Rev. Moss electrified his audience with his challenging oratory.

President Chambers announced that the Executive Board scheduled to meet at 4:00 P.M., Saturday, will meet at 2:00 P.M., Saturday in the library in the educational building.

President Chambers read a telegram from Florida Normal College in St. Augustine, Fla. The college had been damaged severely by hurricane Dora, and a donation was requested. Rev. C. C. Suggs, Alabama, moved and Dr. S. A. Owen, Tennessee, seconded that the convention give at least \$100 to Florida Normal College. An offering was taken amounting to \$43.35.

Rev. James Rice, pastor of Roanoke Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark., expressed thanks to the convention for contributions sent when the church was burned out. The church was burned by racist arsonists who were incensed because of the civil rights activities held in the church.

1. Judge A. T. Walden, former attorney for the National Baptist Convention, Inc., was presented for remarks.

Announcements — Benediction by Dr. Chambers.

DR T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR S. S. HODGES, Secretary

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1964

Devotions were conducted by Dr. H. J. Trapp, Pennsylvania. Dr. A. A. Banks, Sr., Michigan, gave the devotional message, "Redeeming the Time Through World-Wide Missionary Participation." He based his message on Josh 1:3 and Mk 16:15. We must be more than mere housekeepers for God at home. We must leave the home base for world-wide participation. We must let the kingdom of God have full sway in our own lives. The world population is increasing faster than we are winning the world for Christ. Jesus promised to be with the church, if she will go into all the world. Rev. C. E. Hatcher directed the convention in singing "Throw Out the Lifeline."

Dr. C. V. Johnson, Midwestern Regional president, presided at this time. He presented Dr. G. K. Offutt, President of the Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress for his report. Durham, N. C., has been definitely selected as the place of the 1965 congress meeting. The director-general has been to Durham and found that adequate facilities are available for the entertainment of the congress. He asked that names of men capable of serving from all the states be sent to him. Dr. E. R. Searcy of Atlanta, Ga., is the chairman of the Program Committee. The time of the meeting of the congress will be one week before the convening of the Baptist World Alliance which is June 25, 1965.

Dr. E. J. Richardson, New Jersey, chairman of the education board, called the members of his board to meet.

Dr. Louis Rawls, commissioner on higher education, made his report.

Rev. E. King, Illinois, moved and Rev. J. W. Hollis seconded the motion that the reports of the S. S. & B. T. U. Congress and the Commissioner of Higher Education be adopted. Motion adopted.

Rev. C. E. Hatcher led the convention in singing "Love Lifted Me." Rev. C. SUGGS, Alabama, introduced the Reverend J. J. Johnson, North Carolina, to preach the Memorial Sermon. Rev. S. C. Fairley sang a solo, "It Will Be Lord When I Get Home." This was one of the old songs of the fathers and it stirred our hearts. Rev. Johnson took for his text, 1 Kings 13:24. Subject, "An Ass and a Lion, Tombstones for a Young Prophet." The young prophet didn't get back home because: (1) He didn't obey God. (2) He obeyed man. (3) He got tired too quickly. (4) He was not cautious. Tombstones erected to young modern-day prophets, such as carelessness, overeating, fear, loose living, etc. Rev. Louis Rawls led us in singing "I'll Live On."

Rev. C. E. Hatcher gave a partial verbal report for the Music Department. Written report will be submitted later.

Dr. E. I. Harrison, chairman of the committee on resolutions, read a resolution on our entertainment here in Atlanta. Dr. A. R. Brent moved for its adoption and it was seconded. Dr. W. H. R. Powell asked if the resolution

will be given to the press. It was agreed that the resolution be given to the press. Motion adopted.

Dr. William C. Upshaw moved that we have a representative as a member of the commission on chaplains.

Dr. W. H. R. Powell moved that Dr. Harrison be our representative in Washington, D. C., to the commission on chaplains. He will have authority to select another man to work with him. Motion adopted.

Dr. Harrison read a resolution pertaining to our acquiring a permanent headquarters. Dr. Harrison moved the adoption of the report. It was seconded. Rev. William C. Upshaw made an amendment to the motion and it was seconded by Rev. H. J. Trapp that action on the report be deferred until the next annual session, because so few messengers are present. After some discussion Dr. Harrison withdrew his motion. Dr. W. H. R. Powell moved and it was seconded that the report be tabled until the president arrives, and then action taken. This motion was adopted.

Dr. Powell spoke concerning the Hol-Reba Bible Conference. He thanked us for the contribution of \$100 given to Hol-Reba last year. He invited us to come next summer for the Ninth Annual Session.

Dr. John H. Williams, financial secretary, reported as follows: 532 churches enrolled — an increase of 147 churches; 680 messengers — an increase of 20 messengers. \$12,447.75 received in Atlanta and \$1,500 received in pre-registration — a total of \$14,247.75.

Dr. L. K. Jackson commented on the fine work being done by Dr. Powell and the Hol-Reba Bible Conference. Dr. R. A. Cromwell moved that the convention endorse the Hol-Reba Bible Conference. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

An offering was received for Dr. W. H. Skipwith in the amount of \$11. Rev. J. B. Willis, San Francisco, Cal., made some interesting comments. The Lord has brought us into a large place.

Rev. W. H. Skipwith sang, "How Great Thou Art."
Benediction by A. J. Allen, First Baptist, Washington, D. C.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 12, 1964 Executive Board Meeting

Vice President Gardner C. Taylor called the meeting to order and asked Dr. J. E. Kirkland, Sr., to lead in prayer. Dr. Booth, the executive secretary, was presented. He suggested that the bills in hand be considered. He referred us to a motion passed in the Executive Board meeting in Detroit that only officers be paid and no boards or departments come to the Executive Board to be paid.

President Chambers asked the treasurer, Dr. Powell, to give the receipts and bills. Dr. Powell's secretary stated \$14,383.73 was received.

Dr. Chambers' bill \$853.07. Dr. Booth moved it be paid. Motion adopted.

Executive secretary bill \$603.72, moved by Dr. Kirkland that it be paid. Motion adopted.

Financial secretary and assistants' bill \$253.10. Motion to adopt.

Recording secretary's expenses \$122.50. Moved adoption.

Treasurer's bill \$169.12. Adopted.

Auditor's bill \$16.10. Adopted.

Constitution committee \$209.71. Adopted.

Department of Evangelism \$193.02. A discussion ensued as to whether or not a board or department which turned in all of its money to the convention should be paid its expenses. The president ruled that auxiliaries which turn in all of its money are entitled to expenses, providing the expenses do not exceed the income. Dr. W. H. R. Powell moved that, in the light of Dr. Kirkland's motion last year and in light of the budget committee's recommendation, we move on with the bills where there is no controversy and consider the controversial bills when actual expenses are agreed on. Second by Bro. Chambers. Motion adopted.

Editor O. M. Locust's bill, \$46; adopted.

A. Edward Bank's bill, \$46.15, deferred.

Transportation committee, J. W. Hollis, \$150; deferred.

Music Department, C. E. Hatcher, \$175.00 — \$75.00; Mrs. Jeanne Pollard, Pianist (included) — \$50.00; Mr. James Francis, organist (included) — \$50.00. Western Printing Co., balance (printing Minutes and Programs), \$1,298.75; adopted.

J. E. Evans, finance committee (six workers), \$100; adopted.

S. D. Edwards, Department of Christian Education, \$239.67; adopted.

On the revised Music Department's bill, it was agreed to pay the amount requested and the budget committee consider the musicians' expense in the future.

Commissioner on education, L. Rawls, \$31.80; adopted.

State of the country, L. K. Jackson, typist, \$5.00; deferred.

Rev. Booth read additional bills from his office: telephone, \$97.96; adopted.

Home Mission Board refund, \$73; adopted. Laymen's Movement, \$493.40; deferred. Moderator's Council, \$548.00; deferred.

Rev. Rawls moved to give Rev. Nichols \$225. Seconded by Rev. Jenkins.

Motion adopted.

Rev. Booth moved that we grant Bro. Dixon \$250. Seconded and adopted.

Executive secretary presented the following objectives:

Education Night Speaker, Dr. M. K. Curry	\$ 300
Civil Rights Night Speaker, Rev. Otis Moss, Jr.	100
Hol-Reba (5) Summer Scholarships	500
Baptist Dormitory	500
Scholarships for all other colleges (by March 31st)	2,000
A 90 day Emergency Drive for the College in St. Augustine	
Regional Presidents, \$100 each	400
	\$3,800

Moved and seconded to approve recommendations. Dr. Kirkland made a substitute motion that the \$100 for regional presidents be taken out. It was seconded. The substitute motion was lost. The original motion was adopted.

Dr. Powell moved and Dr. Rawls seconded that the bill for the Baptist Progress be paid. Motion adopted. President Chambers had turned the bill over to Dr. Powell, but Dr. Powell didn't have it at this time.

Rev. Weaver moved and Rev. Nichols seconded that Rev. Hollis be allowed \$100. Motion adopted.

Rev. S. D. Edwards made a plea for \$275 due National Council of Churches.

Dr. Taylor moved that we authorize the treasurer to pay obligations to national agencies when notified. Seconded and adopted.

It was moved and seconded that we pay Rev. A. Edward Banks \$46.15 for room and board. Rev. M. L. Shepard, Jr., made a substitute motion and Rev. Jenkins seconded that we pay Rev. Banks \$25. Motion adopted.

Rev. Weaver moved and it was seconded that Rev. Jenkins be paid \$98.50. Motion adopted.

Honorariums:	
President	\$1,400
Vice President	500
Treasurer (Pay to Hol-Reba Bible Conference)	500
Recording Secretary	500

Rev. Rawls moved and Rev. Weaver seconded that we give Wheat Street Church \$300. Motion adopted.

The amount of \$18 was allowed for the badges of the Moderator's Council.

Dr. Kirkland moved and it was seconded that the treasurer issue an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements. Motion adopted.

Remarks by Rev. James Rice, Pastor of Roanoke Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.

Benediction by Rev. A. C. L. Arbouin.

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR. S. S. HODGES, Secretary

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 12, 1964
At 7:30 Rev. T. J. Jenkins, New York, chairman of the Evangelism Department, called the meeting to order and conducted the devotions. Prayer

was offered by Rev. J. L. Bennett, Pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Musical selections were rendered by the musicians of the convention. Rev. W. H. Skipwith, in the absence of the appointed speaker, Rev. J. L. Bennett, called upon Dr. C. S. Stamps, President of the Progressive Baptists of New York, to discuss the theme, "Redeeming the Time Through a Renewed Emphasis on Evangelism." Dr. Stamps emphasized the great importance of evangelism. Evangelistic programs and sermons should not be late at night or on Saturday nights when everybody is tired and want to go home. Evangelism should be given a prominent place on our convention program.

Rev. J. W. Booker, Louisiana, read the scripture lesson, Acts 2:1-8. The Rev. C. W. Butler, Michigan, was presented for the evangelistic sermon. After preliminary remarks, he prayed a brief prayer, Text Acts 28:29. The desire is different; e. g., the self-righteous Pharisee. We are very much alike; e. g., blood plasma. The most fleshy is what can be least shared. The most divine is what can be most fully shared for good. Life at its best and highest in community. The thrust of evangelism must be more than enough to get men to act like they ought; their hearts must be changed. Paul desired that all men would be like him. Rev. Butler concluded his message with prayer.

Offering for Evangelistic Board, \$30. Offering for the speaker, \$23.30.

Closing hymn, "Take The Name of Jesus With You."

Benediction by Rev. Butler.

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR. S. S. HODGES, Secretary

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964

Wheat Street Baptist Church

Dr. William H. Borders, Pastor

An early morning sunrise service was conducted by Pastor Borders. Inspirational singing was led by the veteran Dr. Wm. H. Skipwith. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor preached a stirring devotional sermon on the life of Jacob. The service was very inspiring. The offering taken was divided equally to Wheat Street Church, Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Skipwith.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

by Rev. J. N. Wordlaw, Assistant Recording Secretary

The devotional service was conducted by the Pastor and choir. Before the sermon, Attorney Walden made a very strong appeal for his political choice, Mr. Webb, whom he described as a liberal who would meet the people's need. Then he, with the help of a fine team of ushers, raised the offering. The Senior Choir, Gospel Chorus, and Young People's Choir sang until music filled the air. Then Rev. Skipwith sang "Christ Is All."

Dr. Borders presented Dr. T. M. Chambers, our President, who made choice of Acts 3:1-7 for a text and selected this subject, "The Uplifting Influence Of The Christian Religion." Dr. Chambers, as usual, gave many beautiful observations about the gate called Beautiful and proceeded to magnify the uplifting influence of the Christian Religion. He gripped his audience with his eloquence and made all feel that we were at the feet of a master pulpiteer. Dr. Chambers preached like he preached at Arch Street in Little Rock when the crowds stood around the outside trying to get in. He is still one of the world's best preachers. We all left feeling like we had been up to worship.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964

MASS MEETING

BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BUREAU, U. S. A., INC.

Presiding Dr. E. R. Sams

Pastor of Mt. Zion Second Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Processional March Atlanta Churches

Scripture — Prayer Rev. J. A. Wilborn
Pastor of Union Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Sermon Dr. R. L. Patterson
Pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Alternate Dr. W. J. Hodge
Pastor of Fifth Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

Appeal Dr. M. L. King, Sr.
Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Remarks Mrs. Uvee Mmodana Arbouin, President,
Woman's Auxiliary, P. N. B. C., Inc.

Dr. T. M. Chambers, President, P. N. B. C., Inc.

Dr. R. A. Cromwell, Executive Secretary,
Baptist Foreign Bureau

Dr. C. C. Adams, National Coordinator
and Special Consultant, B. F. M. B., U. S. A., Inc.

DR. T. M. CHAMBERS, President
DR. S. S. HODGES, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S THIRD ANNUAL ADDRESS
By T. M. Chambers, President

THE CHALLENGE OF A CHANCE

Vice-president at Large, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor of Brooklyn, New York; Regional vice president, T. R. Washington from the Eastern Region with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.; C. V. Johnson of the Midwestern Region, headquarters in Chicago; Dr. O. H. Stinson of the Southern Region with headquarters in Georgia; and S. H. James of the Southwestern Region with headquarters in San Antonio, Texas; Executive Secretary Booth, to whose call a few of us rallied in Cincinnati, Ohio for the launching of a progressive movement in November, 1961; other officers, members, supporters, fellow participants, well wishers, observers, ladies and gentlemen:

In my preliminary declaration on the eve of the delivery of my Third Address, which shall be under the caption THE CHALLENGE OF A CHANCE, to the General Assembly of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., in a spirit of gratitude to God and the Local Entertainment Committee for inviting us and preparing to entertain us, I wish to say in the words of General John J. Pershing, who when he was presented to the heads of the Allied Forces in Europe of which he was Commander, to meet the challenge of the Kaiser and his forces in World War One, confiding in the capabilities of those whom he represented, and the worthiness and challenge of the cause to which they were committed, his much expected speech was built around three words . . . WE ARE HERE. The words used when he placed a wreath on the Tomb of Lafayette in France.

WE ARE HERE

The collective word "we", rather than the selfish, personal pronoun "I", shall be the watchword and guiding influence, not only of this session but of this Convention throughout its existence, as one of the justifications for its existence. Volumes could be written on that word "we" which expresses recognition of the fact that more than one person should be recognized as being somebody, as having something to say, and as having something to offer. Whatever else may be gotten from this speech and from this Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, I am praying that such collective pronouns as WE, YE, US and OUR, be fastened in human attention, fixed in the gaze and memory of those who witness and read of this Convention, and in the spotlight of your mental scrutiny.

The word "we" is written in these opening statements with the hope that those who hear it, and who might read it, should not style this Convention as the "Chambers Convention." That idea is not to be cultivated regarding the Progressive National Baptist Convention because TENURE is definitely observed, recognized and shall be regarded by T. M. Chambers, the Convention's first president. I can easily appreciate why some Negro Baptist conventions are so designated, as terms of distinction. It is because the people usually thought that the president owned the convention, due to his indefinite or life-time office holding. But this is a new day, a new procedure, and a new kind of presidency.

Having dealt briefly with the word "we", I come now to the words "are here." Here in the City of Atlanta, in the State of Georgia. In order that those of us who are here from other places (some for the first time, perhaps) might not underestimate, fail to evaluate, or attempt to low rate Atlanta, I feel called upon to briefly magnify some reliable figures in its statistics.

Atlanta has a population of almost one-half million. It is easily recognizable as a city comprising much of the wealth and learning of our Nation and many men and women of character and influence. Atlanta is a city of beautiful homes and estates where in certain seasons, the beautiful dogwood blossoms furnish a background to green surfaced landscapes, rolling hills, terraces and timbered forests; where nooks of evergreen vines furnish playgrounds before stately mansions, winding walks, broad streets and boulevards bordered with a variety of blooming flowers, transfiguring them into marvelous attractions.

We recognize the fact that Atlanta is a city of historic institutions of learning such as Emory University, Oglethorpe University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Atlanta University plus thirty-three other professional schools.

The time allotted for the delivery of this address is too limited, and any book that I might find means to have printed, would be too small, to contain the names of all establishments and persons of note of the Negro segment of the human race in Atlanta. So forgive me for naming only a few of the representative type. Such educational institutions as Atlanta University, Clark, Morehouse and Spelman, with educators like Dr. Benjamin Mays and others who made these institutions famous; business enterprises such as the first Negro daily newspaper, THE ATLANTA WORLD; The Citizens Trust Company, etc., fine homes and churches. There are men of world renown of both races; some great ministers of great churches, with great hearts and Christian attitudes, whom we have met in all parts of our world, from Atlanta.

May I say that we do not expect to find everybody to be good in any race, but we should magnify the good found in every city, and in all races as well as condemn the bad. Of our race in Atlanta, we have, for great personalities; let me start with William Holmes Borders, the pastor of Wheat Street Baptist Church; a man of wisdom, wit, logic, kindness, and a man of convictions and courage to support them. It was William Holmes Borders who presided when I was elected as President of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of Texas.

It was Borders who had my name placed to preach in the Baptist World Alliance in Denmark in 1947. It was Borders, whose influence and suggestion caused me to be conscripted as the speaker before an inter-racial, International and inter-conventional delegation on Mars Hill in Athens, Greece upon our return from the Baptist World Alliance in London, England in 1955. Borders was my trenchman in the early war for tenure in the National Baptist Convention. He invited me to preach on his Men's Day at Wheat Street, to name just a few reasons why that no one can ever turn me against Borders and his great family.

The Kings and their families, Martin Luther, Sr., and Martin Luther, Junior, to whose convictions, love for his people, eloquence, leadership and daring tenacity, the Negroes in particular, and the human family in general will forever be indebted, as the Prophet of Reconstruction.

We are here in Atlanta, as we have gone and shall go into other parts of America, to revive and honor the memories of several Negro Baptist leaders who have been buried alive, influentially, before they could die physically. Such men as: Dr. Pinkston of Georgia; E. W. Perry of Oklahoma; S. A. Owens of Tennessee; John Nance of St. Louis, Missouri, and others whose achievements were swept to the bottom of public consideration upon or recently following the election of a new regime in Florida.

This is Election Year, and political rivals are endeavoring to enthrone some ruler in the White House on Capitol Hill in Washington. But we are here on September 10, 1964, not as earthly senators, committee men, and other political delegates, but as ambassadors of Heaven. We are here to join you in enthroning the candidate that all men can trust in a world of prejudice, imperialism, segregation, discrimination, disfranchisement, slavery to color and economic partiality. We are here to enthrone in the hearts of men a Divine Standard Bearer. We are here to advocate, not States Rights, but the birth rights of every individual which some states take away from many of their citizens. We are here to subscribe to and magnify not only the Atlantic Charter, but the Sinai Magna Carta, which flowed from the pen of Moses. We are here to enthrone, not a new dealer nor an old dealer, but a Square Dealer.

I shall now deal with the analysis which shall fall under the caption: I. THE CHALLENGE OF A CHANCE

There is quite a collection of Bible verses in many passages which easily sustain in sustaining the analysis I offer under the general caption THE CHALLENGE OF A CHANCE

FIRST The Progressive National Baptist Convention has a chance to start right. I am in full agreement with many great Baptist leaders of both races, in all sections of the country who have encouragingly declared that as we are launching a new convention, we have a chance to START RIGHT. The Progressive National Baptist Convention has a chance to correct errors, ease the evils and improve upon the failures of previously established Negro Baptist conventions. We have a chance to keep pitfalls and loop

holes out of our Convention's constitution, bylaws, and any amendments there to which might call for law suits to get them honored. For years our convention was critically referred to as being "north" of God and the others "south" of God. Our convention is intersectional and interracial. We seek welcome fellowship, encouragement, counsel and organic, as well as educational advice from both Southern and American Baptists. We shall not forget the white Baptists and other Christians of the white race, as well as Jews and Catholics and others, some of whom lost their pastorates, and some their lives by showing sympathetic concern for our freedom.

With all due respect to the sincere efforts and good intentions of many of the fathers who endeavored to bridge the chasms for us, we are blessed with the chance to start right and to mark time by the drum beat of Christian progress, in keeping with our name. It is not our purpose to discredit all that has been done by other conventions, but we have a chance to start right in the building of a constitution which includes more than one person in its leadership, over longer periods than four consecutive years.

I wish to submit or point out some progressive ways that the Progressive National Baptist Convention, progressively improves upon previous national Baptist conventions:

1. Ours is Cause-centered rather than personality centered.
2. We have and will follow TENURE which will not allow any one President to hold office long enough to stifle the hopes of other (young or aged) men who may be prepared for the honor; nor will it allow time for anyone to feel that he owns the office.
3. We have peaceful fellowship because we recognize and appreciate all persons supporting the Convention, young, aged, scholars and non-scholars.
4. We have active Regional Sessions in different sections quarterly, thereby giving vice presidents opportunity for active service, and meeting in cities which might not hold the General Session annually.
5. We allow the Women to draft and execute their own program, hold their elections and select their officers, as well as suggest their objectives and report to the Convention; as well as the Congress, the Laymen, Ushers, Youth, etc.
6. We are on record as supporting Civil Rights. We include some Civil Rights speaker or some college or university president on each of our regional and annual programs.
7. We contribute to Christian or church-affiliated colleges, rather than attempting to build one, which has not been successfully done by any other convention during eighty-odd years of Negro Baptist convention history.
8. We have an Executive Secretary who will devote time and thought to the total business aspects of the Convention.
9. We call for monthly reports on finances for a unified Budget.
10. We include proposals for encouraging trips for study in the Holy Land occasionally as a function of our Transportation Commission, to arrange trips at greatly reduced cost to and from the Holy Land for such purposes.
11. An active commission on Interracial and Interdenominational Cooperation, to plan cooperation with Southern Baptists, American Baptists and other major religious organizations to meet in camps and other convenient meeting places; to conduct and participate in discussions on better human relations, with emphasis on the Bible and human relations.
12. Plan to establish Film Library for producing of motion pictures under the caption: "The Progressive Churches at Work in all Phases of Church Activity."
13. The Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau, Inc., was adopted by PNBC as the organized channel through which to combine our contributions in foreign missions. The Board has united with us to serve in changing our funds without destroying their corporation. Last year, the Board by our help and the help of others who have not discontinued their support, raised ninety-two thousand dollars.
14. We have included in our objectives the support of the famous National

Trade and Professional School in Washington, D. C. founded by Nannie Helen Burroughs, who is succeeded by the capable Mrs. Rebekah J. Calloway and her staff, and the richly edited WORKER for the women's societies of our churches.

II. THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND ITS LEADERSHIP IN THESE TIMES

(a) Jesus, a progressive leader who established the Christian Church on the ruins of Judaism. Those who are so greatly upset or disturbed with the idea of a convention being organized with people who come out of another convention, among other things, I wish to point out is the fact that many of those who bring this charge are members or pastors of churches which came out of other churches. Secondly, historical and biblical research have brought me to the conclusion that the Christian church, established by Jesus came out of Judaism and God's people are the called out people.

(b) Paul, the Christian Liberal, was born in Tarsus, an educational center in Cilicia, received his basic training there; then took a postgraduate course at the feet of Gamaliel in Judea's capital, receiving the degree of Doctor of Laws. Then on to Arabia, when upon a lofty mountain he studied the Hebrew engravings upon stones. He was converted to the Christian religion on the road to Damascus and became a missionary to Rome, and also to Greece.

He did more than any other man to set in motion those new ideas that were to lift mankind up out of the darkness of superstition, purify their minds from the errors of ages; open their hearts to the great truths of the Oneness of God and the brotherhood of men, and the value of a good and true life; enforcing these great truths by a life equally great, full of bravery, self-sacrifice and self-denial, and which have gained power to crush and scatter the Paganism of the Greek and Roman world.

If privation, suffering, patience and perseverance, warmed by zeal and tempered with wisdom and love, elevated and polished by scholarship and brilliant talents, inspired with the knowledge of the Divine Spirit, and all these qualities softened with a charming urbanity that was never laid aside; if all these rare endowments can build an enduring memorial in the earth, surely among the immortals in the memory of men will be found, along with the names of Adam, Moses, David, Solomon, the noble name of Paul, the Apostle. Already his epistles are printed in one hundred and fifty languages, read by as many as millions, and churches are dedicated to His name in every Christian city in the world.

III. THE CHALLENGE OF A CHANCE IN CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Not only is there a battle between liberalism and conservatism, but there is a battle between federalism and "States Rightsism."

U. S. vs. S. R.

United States VERSUS States Rights

This arrangement of the capitol letters represents my eye-catching and mind-arresting method of dealing with the controversial political issue so repeatedly and emphatically discussed by many people in some states, and some people in many states. My argument in the light of the above caps, is to explain why the Negro in America prefers to rely on the Federal Government and the Supreme Court of the USA than on state government and state courts for civil justice. Especially states which formerly held slaves and in some states some of which have become so influenced by those who have held slaves and have subscribed to the disgraceful after effects of slavery. I believe that all should agree that the Negro would still be held as slaves, had there not been a federal government, headed by a liberal President to free him.

The word "rights" means chances or privileges. When any states or any people have chances without realizing that with every chance there is a challenge, and fails to meet the CHALLENGE OF A CHANCE, states or people will lose the chance. Many states have had chance after chance, after chance, to give fair and just government to all of its citizens, but failed to adequately meet the challenge of their chances. Let me point out a few:

- (a) The states had a chance to voluntarily free their slaves but would not. Therefore the Federal Government had to free the slaves at a great cost.
- (b) States had a right and chance to allow the former slaves their voting franchise as citizens, but failed to meet that challenge. I happen to

know with many others, that the Federal Courts had a demand on the states remove the barriers including the poll tax, even before the Negroes could cast a vote for Federal officials. Only the Federal Government removed and outlawed school segregation in public schools, public transportation, on public street cars, buses, etc. Only the Federal Government enforced the laws of interstate commerce that gave the Negro a chance to sleep in a pullman on trains and in whatever seat he first reached upon entering cross state and interstate buses and, finally, it took the Federal Government to enforce the laws of the 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and to pass a Civil Rights Bill which some people in some states still will not honor without lawsuits which cost the government and even the tax payers, who are taxed without enjoying their God-given and civil law-given freedoms.

These are reasons why that there are unfortunate agitations against unfortunate advocations of so-called "states rights" by anyone who seeks the highest office within the gift of the American Commonwealth, the Presidency of the United States.

LIBERALISM vs. CONSERVATISM

I now present one of the phases of this address under the sub-caption, **LIBERALISM VERSUS CONSERVATISM**, as reflected in the contrasting approaches of the advocates in our American society. For years emphasis was placed upon a two party system — Republican and Democratic. Unfortunately we have now a several party system:

- "DIXIECRATIC"
- "COALITIONISM" (where politicians form coalitions as did Herod and Pilate when they wanted to do away with Jesus)
- "CONSERVATISM"
- "LIBERALISM"

A careful consideration of both words as quoted from universally-accepted pronunciations, easily places me on the side of liberalism, as practiced by those who believe in progress. The word **LIBERAL** is from the Latin "liberalis" from liber, meaning free; synonymous to "capere" to emancipate or set free from bondage, to liberate from forced servitude. Just those aspects of the word's definition should easily reveal why one, or a people who have been slaves should appreciate the ideas expressed by the word "liberal" or "liberalism". It means, further, being tolerant of views differing from one's own broadmindedness.

SLAVERY AND ITS AFTER EFFECTS

It is truthfully declared by mental psychologists that mental or mind slavery is worse than physical or body slavery. The hardest people to free in this country are those who are **SLAVES TO SLAVERY**.

CONSERVATISM

Let us now quote and analyze the word conservatism from "the principles and practices of a person or party, tendency to oppose change in institutions and methods; tending to conserve and preserve established traditions and institutions, and to resist or oppose any change in these."

POLITICAL OUTLOOK

I do not come before you as an office-seeking, nor spotlight seeking politician, nor to condemn the idea of some of our members aspiring to political positions wherein they may be helpful to struggling people of the minority that has been victimized for years. I do feel called upon to open positionize myself as President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, with regard to the importance of our group being well informed as to the better candidate for the Presidency of the United States. At this time, when America and the world are anxiously awaiting the verdict of the ballot boxes in the general election to determine who will be our President, I present voting for and urging you to vote for one who has a good record, rather than one who has only a list of promises. My choice then, is Lyndon Baines Johnson, who took up where President Kennedy left off, and stood firm as our Chief Executive and as our friend in seeing the Civil Rights Bill passed and affixing his signature thereto. A candidate, his purposes and intentions

may easily be determined by the records of those in some states who helped to nominate him as a candidate.

As President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, I wish to declare to you, here and now, that no amount of money which any person would offer me could influence me to vote for, speak or work for any candidate who voted against the passage of the Civil Rights Bill, or voted against President Johnson's War on Poverty Bill, or advocates the so-styled states rights contentions of those who are fighting for the right to do wrong; such as, denying the Negro the privilege to vote, to intimidate, to kill Negroes, and fail to do anything about it in their states. When any president frankly speaks out in the defense of the victimized minority of the human family, he not only becomes the victim of the slanderous tongues and pens of bigots, hate-mongers and advocates of lily-white supremacy who would oppose him, but read the list of names of several presidents of the United States who advocated freedom and equality of opportunity for all citizens. You will find that some were assassinated, and threats made on the lives of others, beginning with Abraham Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and John F. Kennedy. Threats were made on the lives of Theodore and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Harry S. Truman was one of the bravest exponents of civil rights during his presidency that ever survived the hatred of evil men.

Thanks to the agencies and individuals who have so successfully fought to lawfully gain the individual and collective rights and freedoms to which all citizens are legally and rightfully entitled in America: The NAACP, the Urban League, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed by that 20th Century Moses, Martin Luther King, Jr., and those who have worked with him in the Cause of Freedom. Also, the Christian Church. Thanks to the thousands of white people, north, south, east and west. We are not alone in this fight. I say with Dr. E. L. Harrison, we should "not hurt our friends", our many white friends. I have traveled enough in other countries and have observed enough, aside from what I've read, to openly declare that I LOVE AMERICA, yes, the U.S.A. I do not know any other place in the World where we might have fought as hard and as long legally, and as successfully as we have here in America.

IV THE CHALLENGE OF THE NEGRO TO BE MET BY THE NEGRO IN THE CHANCE WHICH IS NOW OURS IN AMERICA

Some years ago it is said that two Negro boys were walking at the side of railroad tracks. A steam engine came by. The engineer pulled the whistle, warning them to keep away from the tracks. They saw him operating at the controls as the engine went by puffing smoke "choo-choo, choo-choo". One of the Negro boys said to the other: "Boy! I wish I was white so I could run that engine." The other boy said, "Shucks, I don't need to be white, all I need is a CHANCE. I'd run it as black as I am." That boy had the idea. Since that time, I have actually seen black men operate steam engines. A Deacon of the church I pastored in Little Rock, Ark., by the name of Oliver, was a booster.

Many men have sought for chances and made good; some have failed, but neither the successes or failures in life should be attributed to the color of one's skin.

The challenge of the Negro to be met by the Negro, in the chance which is now ours in America: To reflect credit upon the race by our behavior, intelligence attitudes and Christian dignity. Let us not disappoint society; let us not disappoint and let those senators and congressmen down who are on record as breaking a one hundred year old filibuster and voting to support a Civil Rights Bill. Let us not disgrace the memories of the Honorable John F. Kennedy whose life was stolen as he fought for our freedom; Johnson who took up where Kennedy left off. Let us not dishonor the memories of Reverend Lee and Medgar Evers, and the three heroes of a worthy cause who were murdered in Mississippi.

Let us conduct ourselves that we may not dishonor the memories of those little Sunday School children who lost their lives when their Church was burned in Birmingham. (Some now call it Bombingham, Alabama.) Let us adhere to the teachings of Jesus, Martin Luther King, Jr., and many other Christian leaders, who advocate NON-VIOLENCE in our struggle for freedom. We oppose to race riots in a land of law. I wrote this poem on RACE RIOTS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM:

As we try to prevent war with other nations,
 Race rioting in America has begun;
 Some enter these fights unthoughtfully, it is said
 While others go in to have fun.
 Many men may be killed in these race fights
 And, each man is some mother's son.
 Should other nations intrude upon America's rights,
 We would need these slain men — every one.
 We should not be fighting each other
 Uncle Sam would have us all to be told
 We should not keep his mind troubled further
 By destroying his men and his gold.
 Like a good team, we should all pull together
 In keeping foreign enemies back;
 And quit striving against each other
 Because one is white — and the other black.
 I offer this as a solution
 To prevent some future race fights:
 Quit battling over social exclusions,
 And let each accord the other his rights.
 To all rulers, leaders and teachers
 Accept this as a workable plan:
 Whenever we teach, rule, or speak as preachers,
 Emphasize the duties of Man to Man.
 Whether in churches, courts or school rooms
 We should all work hand in hand,
 Sweeping away hate and strife, with love brooms
 And praying for peace and prosperity in our land.

DISTRIBUTIVE JUSTICE versus RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE

Why do people kill presidents, burn churches, jail preachers and hate the truth when used in the cause of justice and Righteousness? Answer: For the same reasons that they killed Jesus, slew the prophets, jailed the Apostles and tried to destroy the Bible and the Christian Church. When people fail to meet the challenge of their chances to execute distributive justice, and are warned of their doom to meet with Divine Judgment and Retributive Justice they try to do to the agencies of warning and truth, what the truth does to them in their conscience inside them.

Be it known that Justice is Divine. It is one of the attributes of God, and all unjust persons and especially those who have the power to see that justice is distributed to all people justly, and fail to do so by showing partiality to some and neglecting others, will meet with God's Divine RETRIBUTION.

No ruler or nation has ever gotten away with unjust dealings, even with those who are victims of circumstances.

Pharaoh tried it in Egypt and plagues were sent. Their waters were turned to blood. Finally Pharaoh and his armies were enveloped in the waters of the Red Sea in Wheelless chariots, while in pursuit of the Hebrews on their way to freedom.

Babylon tried it when she was flying high as the mistress of attraction and earthly possessions, but war after war brought her to her knees, until she was grounded and kissed the earth with the lips of calamity.

It was in an annex to the palace of the king when they were punishing the sacred vessel taken from God's House when they captured His people and destroyed the church; but while they were having a big time, their doom was written with the fingers of a man's hand on the wall, and the mystery was interpreted by Daniel. This should be a hint to the folks who seem to have a spite at churches and are burning church buildings in many places in America.

Rome tried it when she was squared on her seven hills and relied on military power to conquer men and subject them to her unjust reign. She fed the bodies of the Christians to wild beasts and forced them to dig the calacombs beneath the earth. But she was finally conquered and signposts throughout the World now visit the once famous city to gaze upon the ruins of the Coliseum where they displayed their evils.

Wicked Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 36) seized a pen knife, stabbed the Holy Truth and pitched it in the fire that burned before him in his winter house. He was attempting to act outside as he felt inside. This was an outward expression of how the Truth of God was cutting and burning him inside, but the Bible is still alive and the Truth still marches on. God's Church, God's Book and God's People will live and triumph!

Berlin became top heavy with Nazism during the reign of Hitler. She denounced Christianity, and pronounced herself a superior nation. But she was conquered and is now a divided city and a battleground of the East against the West.

They killed Jesus, but Christianity marches on. Burn all the churches, burn all the Bibles and jail or kill all the preachers, and Christians—but it is too late, as expressed in the Battle Hymn of the Republic: "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah — Our God and His Truth are marching on."

THE NEGRO'S PLEA IN AMERICA

Noble America!

Amid the folds of whose flag I stand, and to whose patriotic orders I submit myself; thou within whose power it is to give justice and due consideration to the Race and for which I speak!

I am using this as an acceptable method by which to introduce to you the collective voice of the Afro-America, or better known as the Negro Race of America — the race that so untiringly assisted in the establishment of a permanent and victorious peace; in World War I the race whose pleasure it is to mark time by the drum-beat of American responsibilities; the race that from some parts of the country marched through the foggy mists of its own innocent blood, shed by the hands of mob crowds, and made its way in foreign lands to help protect American democracy; the race across whose shoulders the flag of "Old Glory" waved in a French sector to turn back invading danger; the race whose hearts would melt to see the American flag droop beneath its enemies; the race that patiently begs for the obliteration of lawlessness and the abolishment of discrimination in public justice, and for due consideration in the declarative issue of freedom and justice for which its sons, brothers and husbands fought to preserve from oblivion. This Race speaks to you, America, as follows:

Now the dreadful war is over;
 Complete victory has been won,
 Will this Race be given credit
 For what her brave sons have done?
 We hid ourselves in foreign trenches
 To help tear up the German traps;
 Now will you call our women wenches
 And still give our men kicks and slaps?
 America, here is another thing of
 Which we should not be denied,
 When we get on a passenger train,
 We want a decent ride.
 We want smoking coaches on our side,
 No women to be in there;
 For when we start to take a ride,
 We pay the first-class fare.
 We are loyal and obedient;
 There are no slackers in this race.
 Now, in the sunshine of your freedom,
 Shall the Negro have a place?
 Johnson and Roberts, two Negro heroes,
 Put seven Germans on the ground;
 And according to Pershing's estimation,
 Thirteen others were held spell-bound.
 When other Negroes in the French sector
 Knew that they were carrying the Huns around,
 Then ran in haste as a protector
 To keep America from going down.
 Only accept General Pershing's statement —
 All believe that he was true —

America, will you continue to lynch us,
 Seeing how much we've done for you?
 America, we are standing ready
 Whatever duty tells us to do,
 For we left our friends and kindred
 To fight and die in France for you.
 Now you've locked arms with other races
 And jim-crowed us from public rights;
 But when they push you in tight places,
 We always help you win your fights
 America, you are a skillful nation;
 You taught us Negroes how to fight;
 But is that all for which you need us;
 Just to help you out of a tight?
 Some of us went "over-seas",
 And some to training camps,
 Some stayed home, rolled up their sleeves,
 Bought bonds and savings stamps.
 Now when you measure out your justice,
 Please don't slight us because we're black;
 For when you brought out questionnaires
 You passed them around to all alike.
 Now you're climbing the prosperous mountain
 Step by step as you advance,
 Open some sympathetic fountain;
 Give this, your Colored Race, a chance.

INTRODUCTION

Executive Secretary's First Annual Report

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make
 known His deeds among the people." I Chron. 16:8

President Chambers, Officers and Messengers of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., assembled here in the Wheat Street Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. This great church, pastored by the world renowned Dr. William H. Borders, is in truth my church home. It was here that I received my inspiration to strive for greatness, and it was here that I was ordained to the Christian Ministry. With this personal testimony, let me end all personal remarks and turn to the business at hand.

It is a great privilege to stand before you and present an account of our stewardship as Executive Secretary of this great Convention. As far as possible, we shall resist the temptation to magnify our labors, trials and difficulties since accepting this honored post and major on the joys, triumphs and successes of this great venture. The hand of the Almighty has led us in all our efforts to advance the work of our Convention. In our human weakness, we have sometimes been too blunt, and sometimes too sharp, both in written communications and from the public platform. In whatever we have done, a sincere effort has been made to advance the cause of Christ and this great Convention. We have always tried to avoid promoting our own small selfish cause.

Our work with all the officers, beginning with our beloved President and extending to officers of auxiliaries, has been pleasant and inspiring. Your acceptance of this office has been nothing short of remarkable. You have shown by your cooperation that one day our Convention shall be listed along with other great bodies that have a Christ-centered plan and purpose. Our Convention has shown great maturity despite its youthfulness. This is not surprising, however, when we consider that we have gathered here some of the best minds and hearts in this nation, represented in our senior pastors, as well as in our young pastors of pronounced quality.

Our faith is beginning to grow, our confidence is beginning to solidify as we work with each other. We are losing our fear, timidity and doubt. The righteous arm of the Lord is being revealed and man is recognizing that he is a mere instrument in the orderly plan of God. We know by experience the tragedy of human exaltation and the dethronement of Divinity. God must be exalted high and reign supreme in all our actions, or we are doomed before we start.

As your Executive Secretary, we have been at the call of the President, Members and his Cabinet and Committee Chairmen to render whatever service was possible to be rendered. We have not counted the cost in sending out communications, making phone calls, or taking unscheduled trips. The salary allowed our office has been largely spent in promoting the work of the Convention. Our church personnel and facilities have been used more greatly at times for Convention work than for our Church work. We have served you while being fed and supported by others. This cannot continue for any long period.

There must be serious consideration given to establishing a Headquarters and the employment of a full-time Executive Secretary to carry on this important work.

We must accept help. We cannot allow ourselves to ignore the generous spirit of the American and Southern Baptist Conventions, nor can we turn aside from the generous offer made by the David C. Cook Publishing Company. We can cooperate with all of these friends without becoming subservient to any one of them. They seek not domination but cooperation. It will be wisdom on our part to meet them half-way.

Our report is fairly extensive and informative. It contains a body of facts and figures which time will not allow us to give in this session. You will need to buy it and let it serve as a Study Guide for the next year. We have within these pages an outline of the duties of the Executive Secretary, important reports from experts, statistics on our Convention from its origin, which no one else can give. You will see for the first time a real accurate account of the membership of this Convention. Our report on financial contributions by regular and generous supporters is revealing. No one can read this report and

content himself with giving once a year a measly representation fee. The Comments made by some of our leaders are inspiring. The entire gamut of our work is covered including the expenses of the office and the travels engaged in. You will read notes of our contributions to the creation, development and growth of the Convention. And above all else, you will see yourself and the great contribution you have made to the most challenging movement among Baptists today in America. We are indebted to many, but most of all to you who have honored us by making us your servant.

A VOLUNTARY MONTHLY SUPPORT PLAN FOR THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Progressive National Baptist Convention faces the righteous imperative to bring to the nation a Stewardship Program that will lift it from a mere "protest" group to an "action" group as soon as possible. The nation has little patience with people who are merely "against" something. It is ready to applaud those who are "for" something. Historically Negro Baptists have not distinguished themselves as being "cause-centered." Too often we have been looked upon as an "untrained mass of Christians" with an "hit-and-miss" program for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Our numbers have been our shame rather than our glory. We have won souls to Christ, but we have neither harnessed them or kept them. Our tendency to ignore Stewardship Principles has resulted in many local congregations resorting to Fund Raising practices that are detrimental to Christian dignity and culture. Many of them can no longer be identified as the Missionary Baptist Churches.

Our record collectively is much less impressive than our record individually. We have not developed career evangelists, missionaries, and Christian Education Specialists and almost no Christian Writers because we have had no program of support that would offer them any security. We have neglected to produce institutional and military chaplains and have shown only a spasmodic interest in our education institutions. Our Conventions have largely served our political interests. They have often been reduced to political arenas where ambitious office seekers fought for offices.

The young minister with holy ideals and lofty dreams is often robbed of these virtues and made over after our image and likeness. Only God knows how much we have robbed His kingdom of workers largely because of our un-Christian attitude toward money.

If the Progressive National Baptist Convention proves to be no different from what we have already had — then the nation will have to wait for another half-century or more for a new movement to arise. Our generation will not suffer repeated "calls" that are false and deceitful. In fact, some of us sincerely believe that we have only ONE DECADE to prove our claim to be "progressive" before we shall be banished from the minds of dedicated men. Nothing could be more serious than to declare righteousness and be found practicing evil.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention must practice Christian Stewardship or close shop. There are great doors of opportunity open to us because of our claim to serve a righteous cause. These doors shall not remain open if we falter — if we procrastinate — if we prove untrue.

The Voluntary Monthly Support Plan is presented in the hope that it might serve until faith grows strong and God reveals another Plan. It is not the last word, but it is a hopeful word. Moreover, it has been adopted by us in Executive Session and every member is under obligation to follow it, or present a better plan. Let us heed the timely admonition: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." (Ph. 2:3)

THE PROGRAM IN A NUT SHELL SETTING FORTH AN EASY PROGRAM OF FINANCING OUR CONVENTION

I. The Argument

One of the outstanding needs of the Progressive National Baptist Convention is a Unified Financial Program to support its growing objectives. The outstanding weakness of our Baptist Family has been for many decades now, our failure to do anything in concert, or union. We must conclude even at this point in our development that there is absolutely no significant reason for a new Convention among Baptist unless it is going to offer a better program of

securing the unity that we seek. There must not be a duplication of the same disorganized effort that has characterized our work in the past.

Our inconsistency has plagued all our efforts and rendered invalid much of what we have tried to do. Consistent with all the effort we have made to guarantee Tenure for all elected officers is the need for (1) Unified Action, (2) Unified Support, and (3) A Unified Budget. This unity cannot afford to be postponed until every District can have a Missionary, every State Convention a Headquarters and our Progressive National Baptist Convention a highly paid Executive Secretary. Unless our efforts are unified soon and independent collection agencies are removed from the field — the public will have to assume that there is nothing really "progressive" about us and that we are the same "disunified army" appearing in new uniforms.

The Voluntary Offering each month from the member churches of the Progressive National Baptist Convention will enable us to support all of our objectives with a greater degree of regularity and consistency. Our monthly contributions can be allocated before it is received by agreement of The Executive Board. All that is needed is to divide the dollar percentage-wise and multiply it by the amount we receive. Every College and Seminary represented in our Membership can receive some support and every Board and Auxiliary can be assured of greater strength. The Convention will profit greatly by the dignity and orderliness of the operation of its Boards and Auxiliaries. All that is needed is a group of dedicated leaders with intelligence enough to divide a dollar into significant parts.

Highly emotional, competitive efforts by ambitious leaders can no longer be truly representative of the Christian Challenge. We need more than ever to visualize needs, estimate potentials and reach for significant goals. Our Auxiliaries must not become competitive armies... even dividing us in our loyalties, sympathies and support. Unless our present methods are checked, studied and revised, we shall find ourselves facing a greater evil than we have witnessed. Even our Annual Appeals must be organized, coordinated and unified. Some of the methods now being used are confusing, degrading and defeating to our high Christian Objectives.

If each Pastor of a Member Church of the Convention will ask for a Voluntary Offering based upon a Unified Budget and supported by Unified Action on the same Sunday in the month and report the same by Money Order or Certified Check to the Office of the President or Executive Secretary each month — The Progressive National Baptist Convention will be able to justify its existence among other Baptist Conventions within one decade.

We must strive to grow according to Stewardship Principles and to be content with moderate and orderly growth. The proclamation of a new look will not suffice unless we rid ourselves of old practices. From the local churches up to the Progressive National Baptist Convention, there must be an absolute conversion to a New Way of life.

Every Progressive National Baptist Church must embrace Stewardship Methods that will be sane, solid, and spiritual. Every member church must distribute Christian Tracts, equip pews with Bibles, Hymnals, and all the other necessary Christian tools for the enlightenment and spiritual growth of its members. Sporadic drives, secular schemes, and unscriptural Financial Programs must be eliminated as swiftly as possible. Foreign Missions must be balanced with Home Missions. Evangelism must parallel with Christian Education and every Auxiliary and Board must be freed of every evidence of personal greed and graft. Churches who entertain the Convention in any of its activities must not do so to make a profit.

A Unified Budget is a must. A Unified Approach is a must. A Stewardship Emphasis is a must.

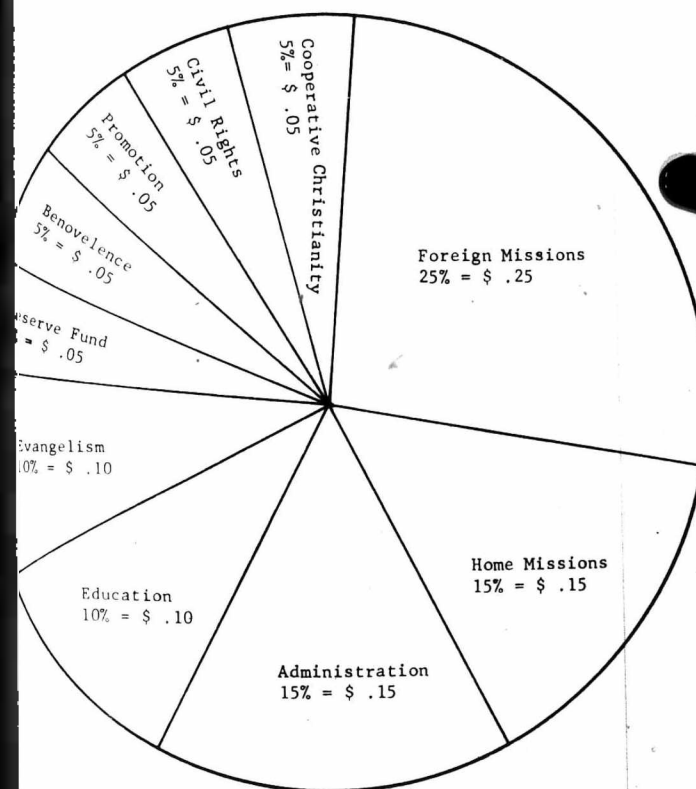
II. The Proposal

1. A Unified Budget for all our Objectives. This would require all Boards and Auxiliaries to report their receipts to One Common Treasurer — the Treasurer of Parent Body. Legitimate expenses can be estimated and provided for between sessions. The Treasurer must be well approved and beyond reproach.
2. An invitation should be extended to all our Baptist College Presidents, of colleges represented in our Convention, to form a Committee to work out a plan for "Unified Baptist College Fund." A brochure must be developed setting forth the offerings of the several colleges.

3. The United Budget will be raised by Progressive National Baptist Church by adopting the "Voluntary Monthly Plan" of supporting the Convention. Each church will report monthly by certified check or money order to the office of the President or the Executive Secretary.
 4. The Convention might designate one night of its Annual Session "William Henry Jernagin Night," and invite a noted speaker. This night should be dedicated to aid our youth in getting an education. A number of scholarships should be given from the proceeds to young people who are going into full time Christian Service. This effort can be further supplemented by Christian College Sunday in May and Christian Education Week in September.
- III The Implementation
1. If there is believed to be any conflict in this program with our constitution let us revise it to make possible a "Voluntary Monthly Plan of Support."
 2. Let each Auxiliary help to plan a Unified Budget and have representation on the "Committee for Unified Action." This Committee should be empowered to plan a Unified Budget and develop a strategy for a Unified Financial Goal.
 3. Let us select an Executive Secretary who will serve in every way possible to carry out the objectives of the Convention. This officer should be a person who has succeeded in the pastorate or some comparable field. In the absence of such a person there should be no discrimination against one who is presently serving in a substantial pastorate.
 4. Let us adopt the Voluntary Support Plan and set aside each First Lord's Day in the month as the day every member church will take an offering and send it in on the Monday following.
 5. Let the Executive Board be authorized along with such members who might be added by the President to allocate such funds received quarterly and send a Quarterly Report to each member church participating, account for both Receipts and Disbursements.
 6. Let us engage in a Unified Prayer Period each Saturday night before the First Lord's Day when the offering is to be taken.
 7. Let each Pastor take out a Life Membership in the Convention by giving \$100.00 above his regular Church representation in any Regional or Regular Session.

"THE CONVENTION'S DOLLAR"

DIVIDED TO SERVE ITS OBJECTIVES



A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF SHARING FOR PROGRESSIVE AND AMERICAN BAPTISTS

At the invitation of Dr. Paul Madsen, Associate Executive Secretary, Division of Church Missions, a visit was made to Detroit, Michigan, in early November, 1963, and followed up in March, 1964, by a visit to Valley Forge, Penna. Our conferences were conducted on a very high spiritual plane and we arrived at the following areas of concern of mutual interest.

1. Building counsel. A full-time staff is available to give guidance in modification of existing buildings or assisting with counsel about new buildings.
2. Participation in "The Secret Place." Here we have the opportunity to contribute meditations and perhaps sponsor and distribute this world-wide periodical.
3. General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel. Two American Baptists are on the Executive Committee. They visit Chaplains throughout the world on a two-year cycle. They offer to work co-operatively to represent PNBC.
4. Development of Stewardship Materials.
5. Training of local church leaders in Every Member Canvass and development of rounded budgets in local churches.
6. In-service training for ministers. They conduct a number of schools each year designed for ministers in particular kinds of fields, i.e., inner city, Town and Country, depressed communities. Schools can be developed for a particular need. This is an intensive sixteen day experience in an academic atmosphere, away from all pastoral responsibilities.
7. Christian Education
 - a. Writers for curriculum materials
 - b. Use of special materials
 - c. Participation in development of materials over long range planning periods
 - d. PNBC Director attend Bi-ennial Director's Conference.
8. Radio and TV training and participation in Laymen's Hour broadcasts on national basis.
9. Development of special Evangelism programs. Training in existing programs on regional or area basis.
10. Preaching missions on an exchange basis.
11. Regional Workshops
 - a. Administration
 - b. Missionary education
 - c. Church extension
12. Joint Mission enterprise
 - a. ARHMS now works co-operatively with various Negro State Conventions. This could be extended or re-designed for special needs, not now being met.
 - b. Possible overseas project to be developed in the same manner with Foreign Mission Societies.
13. ABC works on the campuses of many colleges and universities. Officially they might be able to represent PNBC also. Some Chaplains are Negro.
14. Cooperative Women's Work in many areas.
15. Participation in Minister's Council of ABC with PNBC in over-all concern for personal growth of minister.

The proposals made to us by our friends in the ABC should be seriously considered by us in our Convention. Such proposals are in keeping with Christian Fellowship and should be pursued genuinely and enthusiastically. As we grow, we shall be needing friends in many places. We are more than fortunate to have the great ABC to make such generous proposals to us at this time.

PROPOSAL OF THE DAVID C. COOK PUBLISHING COMPANY TO THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

The basic Sunday School literature proposal is this — the David C. Cook Publishing Company to provide all of its literature and services, indicated in

the original proposal; i. e., imprinting, especial Negro art, order processing, shipping, billing, bookkeeping — and to do this for 80% of the established retail selling price. Therefore, 20% of the retail selling price would be turned over to the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Look at what this financial provision would mean. Let's use the Sunday School figures provided the Yearbook of American Churches by your Department of Christian Education.

548,894	Sunday School pupils, Progressive National Baptist Convention (your figure).
	Multiply this Sunday School enrollment by an average annual expenditure per pupil of \$2.00 (a low estimate)
\$1,097,796 00	Estimated annual expenditure for Sunday School literature, if all churches subscribe and spend an average of \$2.00 annually per pupil.
\$ 219,559 20	Annual amount to the Progressive National Baptist Convention, under terms of the 80/20% imprinting-sales proposal.

Admittedly, the above figure is based on two assumptions — (1) the \$2.00 average per pupil per year — although this is a low figure, and (2) that all Convention churches will fully participate in your literature program — although so many Convention churches are now using David C. Cook literature that its acceptability within your church is already clearly established.

EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of Progressive National Baptist Convention 1963-1964

September 10, 1963		
282 letters mailed	\$ 2 62	
282 forms mailed	5 24	
Postage 282 x 5	13 10	\$ 20 96
September 12, 1963		
50 minutes mailed to Dr. Gardner C. Taylor		65
Postage		
September 23, 1963		
121 letters and forms mailed to ministers	\$ 3 83	
Postage 121 x 5	6 05	9 88
September 27, 1963		
51 Directories mailed — Postage 51 x 10		5 10
Total for September		\$36 39
Letters or forms mimeographed for a minimum of one cent each, when mailed two cents each to cover cost of envelope, paper, ink and stencils.		
October 1, 1963		
352 letters mailed	7 04	
Postage 352 x 5	17 60	\$ 24 64
October 2, 1963		
57 Directories and 57 letters mailed	\$ 1 14	
Postage 57 x 10	5 70	\$ 6 84
October 3, 1963		
84 letters mailed	\$ 1 88	
Postage 84 x 5	4 20	\$ 5 88
October 8, 1963		
22 program and letters mailed	\$.44	
Postage 22 x 5	1 10	\$ 1 54
October 16, 1963		
306 letters mailed	\$ 6 12	
Postage 306 x 5	15 30	\$ 21 42
October 23, 1963		
38 letters mailed	\$.76	
Postage 38 x 5	1 90	\$ 2 66
October 30, 1963		
341 letters mailed	\$ 6 82	
Postage 341 x 5	17 05	\$ 23 87

Postage New York	\$ 1.00	
Postage Philadelphia	1.10	\$ 2.10
Total for October		\$ 2.10
November 6, 1963		
55 News Releases mailed	1.10	
Postage 55 x 5	2.70	\$ 3.80
November 14, 1963		
250 programs mimeoed	8.00	
250 forms mimeoed	2.50	\$ 10.50
November 19, 1963		
67 reports mailed	1.30	
Postage 67 x 4	2.00	\$ 3.30
Total for November		\$ 13.80
December 6, 1963		
351 forms mailed	7.00	
Postage 351 x 5	17.50	\$ 24.50
December 9, 1963		
65 forms mailed	1.30	
Postage 65 x 5	3.25	\$ 4.55
December 31, 1963		
382 letters and forms mailed	18.80	
Postage 382 x 5	15.70	\$ 34.50
Total for December		\$ 64.00
January 10, 1964		
22 letters mailed to Moderators	.44	
Postage 22 x 5	1.10	\$ 1.54
January 27, 1964		
352 Newsletters mailed	7.04	
Postage 352 x 5	17.60	\$ 24.64
Redeker & Dick, Inc. — 1, 300 page JJ Book		\$ 1.30
Total for January		\$ 26.48
February 10, 1964		
200 (21 page) directories mimeoed		
21 stencils	3.85	
5 1/2 reams paper at 1.39 ream	7.65	
1 tube of ink	2.90	\$ 14.40
Hathaway Stamp Co.		
2 rubber stamps and etching	12.00	\$ 32.00
3 rubber stamps and etching	21.00	\$ 53.00
Total for February		\$ 86.40
March 2, 1964		
82 letters mailed	1.64	
Postage 82 x 5	4.10	\$ 5.74
March 24, 1964		
406 Newsletters mailed with one insert	8.12	
Postage 406 x 5	20.30	\$ 28.42
Addressograph Multigraph Co		
402 plates @ 8.95 C	35.80	\$ 64.22
402 frames @ 3.60 C	14.40	\$ 78.62
Total for March		\$ 107.24
April 6, 1964		
68 Newsletters mailed	1.36	
Postage 68 x 5	3.40	\$ 4.76
167 letters mailed to Mid West Ministers	3.34	
Postage 167 x 5	8.35	\$ 11.69

April 10, 1964		
400 letters mailed for President T. M. Chambers	8.00	
Postage 400 x 5	20.00	\$ 28.00
Total for April		\$ 44.45
Summary — September, 1963	36.38	
October, 1963	87.09	
November, 1963	15.37	
December, 1963	58.08	
January, 1964	31.58	
February, 1964	47.40	
March, 1964	84.36	
April, 1964	44.45	
Total		\$ 405.32
May 13, 1964		
389 letters mimeoed and mailed	7.78	
Postage 5 x 389	19.45	\$ 27.23
May 16, 1964		
200 letters mimeoed and mailed		
re: publishing book	4.00	
Postage 5 x 200	10.00	\$ 14.00
May 20, 1964		
65 News releases mailed	1.30	
Postage 5 x 65	3.25	\$ 4.55
Total for May		\$ 45.78
June 2, 1964		
392 letters and information cards mimeoed and mailed		
392 letters	7.84	
392 cards	7.84	
additional 125 cards mimeoed	2.50	
Postage 5 x 392	19.60	\$ 37.78
June 4, 1964		
65 News Release	1.30	
Postage 5 x 65	3.25	\$ 4.55
Total for June		\$ 42.33
July 9, 1964		
Mimeoed 100 (3 page) programs	3.00	
Mailed 60	.80	
Postage 10 x 60	6.00	\$ 9.80
July 13, 1964		
387 letters mimeoed and mailed	7.74	
387 cards mailed	7.74	
Postage 5 x 387	19.35	\$ 34.83
July 14, 1964		
35 letters mailed		
Postage 5 x 35		\$ 1.75
July 28, 1964		
Mimeoed and mailed 387 Newsletters	7.74	
Postage 5 x 387	19.35	\$ 27.09
Total for July		\$ 73.27
August 3, 1964		
Mimeoed 500 forms	5.00	
Mailed 386 forms	7.72	
Postage 5 x 386	19.80	\$ 32.02
August 18, 1964		
300 forms mimeoed	3.00	
200 letters mimeoed	2.00	\$ 5.00
Total for August		\$ 37.02

SUMMARY

September, 1963 - April, 1964

May	42.00
June	73.00
July	37.00
August	

Total \$198.00

September 1963 - August, 1964 \$603.72

SOME PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Item	Amount
1. Office Stationery	\$ 46.00
2. (200) Baptist Statesman Certificates	18.00
3. Convention Seal	13.00
4. Annual Filing of Corporation Papers	6.00
5. Convention Pulpit Scarf	25.00
6. Convention Badges	131.00
7. Courtesy Donations	25.00
8. Donation to Scholarship Fund	100.00
9. Freedom Songs	238.00
10. Benedict College Founder's Day Travel	25.00
11. Detroit (Nov. 14, 1963), expenses paid by American Baptist Convention	
12. New York (Dec. 3-5, 1963) to further convention work	100.00
13. Philadelphia to Wilberforce, Ohio (Feb. 12-13, 1964)	100.00
14. Trip to American Baptist Headquarters (March 3-5, 1964) Valley Forge, Pa., expenses paid by American Baptist Convention	
15. Foreign Mission Bureau Meeting in Philadelphia (July 2, 1964)	75.00
16. Constitution Revision Committee Meeting in Washington, D. C. (July 17, 1964)	75.00
17. Requested by Dr. R. A. Cromwell to make important trip to Atlanta, Ga. (August 11, 1964)	75.00
Total:	\$1,052.62

MONIES REPORTED TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Executive Secretary's Report
on Contributions Received
from
October 1963 - August 1964
(Baptist Dormitory (I.T.C.)
(Dr. R. E. Mays)

Minister	Church	Amount
Booth, Dr. L. Venable	Zion	\$1,000.00
Anderson, Rev. J. H.	Mt. Pleasant	10.00
Edwards, Dr. S. H.	Metropolitan	10.00
Green, Rev. C. W.	Prigum	50.00
Harrison, Dr. E. L.	Shiloh	500.00
Houston, Rev. C. E.	Shiloh	25.00
McBride, Rev. H. D.	New Temple	17.00
Moore, Rev. E. M.	Omaha	21.00
Nichols, Dr. J. H.	First Calvary	25.00
Rich, Rev. J. O.	St. Paul	15.00
Richardson, Rev. E. J.	Baptist Temple	10.00
Robinson, Rev. H. L.	First Baptist	15.00
Robinson, Rev. S. T.	Gambing Star	50.00
Simmons, Rev. J. C.	Trinity	50.00
Taylor, Rev. W. W.	Shiloh	50.00
Trapp, Rev. H. J.	Thankful	100.00
Total:		\$3,006.00

Minutes of the Eastern Regional Convention

PHILADELPHIA, PA. - FEBRUARY 11-13, 1964

Sessions of the Eastern Regional meetings were held in the Greater White Rock Baptist Church, 50th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., with the Rev. David H. Salmona, Pastor and Host.

Tuesday, February 11th, a Pre-Convention musical program was presented by the host Church Choir. The concert was very good and well attended despite the big snowstorm.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1964 - 8:20 A.M.

The opening session began Wednesday morning, February 12th, at 9:20, with Dr. T. R. Washington, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, and Regional President, presiding.

Worship was conducted by Reverends: S. B. Harbour and R. Quarterman. The inspirational message was delivered by Rev. S. L. Taylor, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Paschall, Pa. His subject was "Get Excited About God." Ps. 135:1-3.

The speaker asked a question: "What excites you most today?" and "What gives you the greatest thrill?" The speaker further stated that as Christians we must praise God and let the congregation sing praises.

President Washington asked that a motion be made to accept the program. Secretary Williams offered the motion that the program would be adopted with any change left to the President. The motion passed. Time was allotted for registration. Rev. J. F. Williams acted as Secretary.

At the close of the Business session, Prof. C. E. Hatcher of New York presided at the piano and Rev. J. M. Douglas of Virginia lifted the audience with splendid singing.

The theme of this session was:

RE-DISCOVERING OUR BAPTIST HERITAGE

The theme address, "Through A Consecrated Teaching Ministry," was to have been delivered by Dr. A. Ross Brent of Plainfield, N. J. A message was read stating the speaker's inability to attend because of a broken arm. A moment of prayer was offered in his behalf.

President Washington called Dr. Chambers and Dr. Booth to the platform. President Chambers was presented to the audience with embellishing words of elegance by Dr. Washington. All stood to receive the President of the PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Executive Secretary Dr. L. Venable Booth was introduced by President Washington. He made a statement and suggested that the Women's Auxiliary

be given a place on the program. Dr. Washington stated it would be done and set Thursday afternoon for the women to be with us.

President Washington conducted a "Get Acquainted Period" at this point and each person stood, gave his name and church. Dr. Hill was asked to bring greetings for the Detroit pastors.

Dr. W. H. R. Powell, Treasurer, and Dr. C. V. Johnson, Midwestern President, were invited to sit on the platform. Following the singing of "Blessed Assurance," Dr. Booth presented "Reflections and Comments" on our Convention and things in general. He spoke on the subject, "Lord, Increase Our Faith," and suggested it as a prayer for Progressive Baptists. He spoke of four things:

1. An Uphill Journey
2. We must not have a Bigness Complex
3. We must not be poor Stewards
4. We must avoid Jealousy

He stated that Baptists need Toughness and that we must stop complaining and do more training. We will have to stop fighting ourselves and there must be more Prayer and Sincere Christian Fellowship.

This was a splendid address and challenged all of the messengers to do more. Secretary Williams motioned that we thank Dr. Booth for his message and congratulate him upon receiving an honorary doctorate degree. The motion passed. However, Dr. Booth suggested that a telegram might be sent to Wilberforce University. President Washington stated it would be done and asked the Secretary to send it.

Dr. Booth could not remain with us as he had to leave to go to Wilberforce University where the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters would be conferred.

It was suggested, then motioned and carried, that the following persons would be sent telegrams: (sick) Rev. M. L. Shepard, Sr., Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church; Rev. Charles S. Lee, Pastor, First African Baptist Church; Rev. S. H. Woodson, Trenton, N. J., and Mrs. T. R. Washington.

A letter was read from Dr. E. C. Smith of Washington, D. C., expressing regrets due to his inability to attend the meeting. Dr. Smith sent \$40.00 to represent his church.

The presence of Dr. E. L. Harrison of Washington, D. C., and President Chambers was acknowledged. Both were requested to bring greetings.

Following the singing, "We Are Marching to Zion," we prepared for the morning sermon. The alternate, Rev. C. H. Marks, read the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians, offered the prayer then sang "I Need Thee Every Hour," and Dr. Washington presented Dr. C. S. Stamps of New York, the guest preacher.

Dr. Stamps used for his subject: "Is The Present-Day Church Strong Enough?" Matt. 28:19. He mentioned three powers — Military Power, The

United Nations Power, and the Holy Boldness of Spiritual Power. We were told that one of the reasons our churches are so weak, is that we are taking into them too many people who have not been saved. Secondly, we are so poor because we will not TITHE. True conversion and liberal giving will help to make our churches STRONGER AND SPIRITUALLY ENDOWED.

The message was followed by singing "What A Fellowship." President Washington asked Dr. E. L. Harrison to offer the prayer which was most fervent.

Dr. T. J. Jenkins and Dr. John Nichols lifted the offering.

Speaker	\$26.75
Convention	15.63
Total	\$42.38

After announcements by the Pastor, Rev. Salmons, Dr. Stamps gave the benediction.

DR. T. R. WASHINGTON, presiding
JOHN F. WILLIAMS, Secretary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1964 — 2:15 P.M.

The Meeting opened with Dr. Washington presiding. Rev. S. B. Barbour and Rev. Preston McKissick conducted devotional worship and a short testimonial period followed.

The Inspirational Address was delivered by Rev. T. O. Mills of Atlantic City, N. J. His subject was "Prophetic Preaching." Among striking utterances spoken were these words: "The Lord God hath spoken — who can but speak." "They hate him who speaketh the truth." Ministers must speak to and be spoken about. They must be loved and hated for speaking the truth. We were told that this is our Eternal Dilemma. Don't preach if you can't stand to be criticized. Preach not just a sermon or have a message, but sound the whole Gospel. Not just Priests but Prophets.

Rev. R. A. Cromwell expressed our appreciation for this address. Dr. C. V. Johnson of Chicago brought greetings and extended us an invitation to be his guest for the Midwestern Regional meeting April 22-23 in St. Louis. He also announced our S. S. and B. T. U. Congress to meet in Chicago in June.

President Washington presented the Rev. Harold Carter, Pastor of Court Street Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. Rev. Carter used for a subject, "God In The Desert." Is. 35. Rev. Carter said this was a dreaded chapter. The Desert is dry. It represents death. There are no birds, flowers or signs of life. The loneliness of the desert does not mean it is forgotten. God has to have some special place to do some special things. This was an inspirational message and lifted us spiritually. Dr. W. H. R. Powell expressed our appreciation for the message and messenger with a vote. It was seconded by Rev. Mills.

After singing "Leaning on The Everlasting Arm," Rev. Baxter presented Rev. J. A. Williams of Pittsburgh, Pa., Pastor of Baptist Temple and Statistician of the Convention, to preach the afternoon sermon. His subject was "A Song In The Heart." Ps. 101:1 The speaker reminded us that there is an art in learning how to get along with others and the heart does this best. We have stopped singing and gone to swinging. There is something wrong with the heart.

Rev. E. T. Lewis invited us to visit the new Foreign Mission Bureau at 60th and Race Streets at 4:45 P.M. Following the offering and announcements, we adjourned to be the guest of The Foreign Mission Bureau and to inspect the new headquarters. Refreshments were served. The Convention messengers were met by Rev. H. J. Trapp, Chairman; Dr. C. C. Adams, Corresponding Secretary; and Dr. E. T. Lewis, Treasurer, who acted as hosts. We can be proud of this building for it is well-fitted for the work.

Speaker	\$ 7.10
Convention	10.15

Announcements.

Benediction — Rev. J. A. Williams.

DR. T. R. WASHINGTON, presiding
JOHN F. WILLIAMS, Secretary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1964 — 7:30 P.M.

Prof. C. E. Hatcher and Rev. J. M. Douglas conducted the music which was followed by the welcome period conducted by the host Pastor, Rev. David H. Salmons.

The following brought greetings: Chairman of the Trustee Board of Greater White Rock Baptist Church; The National Ministers Wives by Mrs. Rendella W. Lucas; The Progressive State Convention of Pennsylvania, Rev. E. M. Percetti, President; The Baptist Ministers Conference, Rev. J. A. White, President; The Pennsylvania Baptist Association, Dr. E. T. Lewis, Moderator; and The New England Missionary Convention, Dr. C. M. Smith, President.

The response to the welcome was given by Rev. M. L. Shepard, Jr. At this point the choir from Union Baptist Church sang several selections and Dr. Washington introduced the Rev. Joseph T. Kirkland, Assistant Pastor of Union Baptist Church, to preach. Twenty-four deacons of Union Baptist and thirty-nine ushers accompanied Rev. Kirkland.

After singing "Amazing Grace," Rev. Kirkland, Pastor of Union Baptist Church, used for a text: Ps. 27:24 His subject was "Grace of God." The man in his sermon had no name or no age. In fact, some think he was a slave. He had many adversities and while we do not know him, he knew God and wrote under difficult circumstances.

Section 2

At the end of the sermon the choir sang "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee." A motion of thanks was extended the speaker.

Speaker	\$70.18
Convention	47.87

Greetings were brought by Dr. C. W. Smith, President of the New England Convention. Dr. John Nichols, President of the Moderators Convention of The Progressive National Baptist Convention, announced that all moderators will meet him tomorrow at 10:00 A.M., also the newly organized Usher Auxiliary will meet with the new President.

Announcements.

Benediction — Rev. J. T. Kirkland

DR. T. R. WASHINGTON, presiding
JOHN F. WILLIAMS, Secretary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1964 — 8:30 A.M.

The worship service was led by Rev. S. B. Barbour with the singing of several hymns. A blind man played the organ, sorry we did not get his name.

Rev. J. Earl Adkins read the 1st Psalm and Rev. J. T. Reeder of Brooklyn offered the prayer.

The devotional message was delivered by Rev. J. J. Dale of New Jersey. His subject was, "The Indestructibility of The Church." In spite of all that may be said about the church, said Rev. Dale, the church still has the answer. Following the message, we sang "I'm Going Through." Dr. Washington then took charge.

Dr. Washington asked Dr. I. L. Kearse of Baltimore to present the Rev. Herbert O. Edwards who gave the morning address, "Through Sacrificial Giving." The speaker said: Judgment is hanging over us because we have not led our people in the art of TITHING.

Following the address we sang "Standing On The Promises of God." At this time, President Washington presented Rev. Lloyd M. Burrus of the Home Mission Board for a report. He charged us that we have not done our "Home Work." He further said we need a Church Extension Fund. He then asked the question: "What shall we do to help small or weaker churches?"

There was a period For Convention Business. After the short business period to be continued in the afternoon session, the Civil Rights Hour was called for and Rev. T. Y. Rogers of Alabama spoke. Rev. Rogers said that people in the North are blessed and asked that we "come down and help us."

The Rev. Leon H. Sullivan spoke on "The New Industrial Approach" which was most interesting. He told of the things Philadelphia is doing to meet the challenge.

Section 2

After music, President Washington presented Rev. A. L. Pugh, of Asbury Park, N. J., for the sermon. His subject was "God's Prescription For A Troubled World." Text, Jer. 7th chapter. Most of us want everything made easy, said the speaker. Things must be guaranteed or we must have our money back. There is no black magnet under our black robes. His Grace is sufficient, said Pugh.

The message was followed by the singing of "Count On Me." Complimentary remarks were made by President Washington concerning the speaker and his fine sermon.

Speaker	\$16.41
Convention	18.05

President Chambers gave the Right Hand Of Fellowship to Rev. E. M. Percetti, the new President of Pennsylvania Progressive Baptist Convention. A letter from the new organization was read.

Announcements: All Moderators are to meet at 2:00 P.M. The Evangelist Board meets after dinner.

Benediction by the Rev. B. A. Taylor.

DR. T. R. WASHINGTON, presiding
JOHN F. WILLIAMS, Secretary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1964 — 2:30 P.M.

Dr. T. R. Washington, presiding.

The Worship Committee took charge with Rev. Preston McKissick and Rev. S. B. Barbour singing and praying. Rev. J. M. Douglas of Virginia sang a solo.

Rev. Charles G. Adams presented Rev. W. J. McKissick of Massachusetts for the Inspirational Address. His subject was, "Improved Methods Of Evangelizing." The speaker said that before we can go further, we must go deeper. We also must re-mend our nets.

Rev. Thomas J. Jenkins made his report of \$12.00 for the Evangelist Board. Report from the Moderators' Council was given by Rev. John H. Nichols of New York. The report was verbal.

Rev. Thomas J. Jenkins reported for the Evangelistic Board;

Rev. Booker T. Mattox reported on Migrant Ministry;

Rev. E. J. Richardson reported for the Educational Department;

Mr. Chester Dixon made a report for the Laymen.

After singing, Dr. Washington presented Mrs. U. M. Arbouin, President of the Women's Auxiliary. With grace and charm, Madam Arbouin spoke for the Sisterhood. In benefiting words she stressed unity and asked that the women be let in on all workings of the Convention. She said: "Women like to know even if they can't do anything about it."

Mrs. Arbouin made a report stating that the Eastern Region had been organized. The officers are:

President	Mrs. Jennie Hall, Washington, D. C.
First Vice President	Mrs. Georgia E. Shumake, Camden, N. J.
Second Vice President	Mrs. Willie E. Percetti, Philadelphia, Pa.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Lelia Washington, Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary	Mrs. Sarah Harrison, New York
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Barbara Barnes, Washington, D. C.
Asst. Corresponding Secy.	Mrs. Mildred C. Ritter, Washington, D. C.
Treasurer	Mrs. Sallie Futrell, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The new organization reported an offering of \$396.05. However, this money was not reported to the parent body.

Dr. W. H. R. Powell congratulated the new officers as they were installed.

Rev. R. Rollins of Washington, D. C., was asked to present the afternoon sermon speaker, the Rev. Charles W. Green of Washington, D. C. Rev. Green is also the Director General for the National S. S. and B. T. U. Congress. His subject was, "What Is Right With The Church?" "There is more right than wrong," said the speaker.

Comments on the sermon were given by Rev. J. H. Beatty. The offering was \$18.41.

Benediction by Rev. T. L. Johns.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1964 — 7:45 P.M.

Rev. W. H. Anderson, presiding.

The Devotional Worship was conducted by Rev. S. B. Barbour and Rev. Preston McKissick.

Following a musical and hymn sing, a summary and forecast were given by Dr. M. L. Shepard, Sr., Dr. C. C. Adams, and Rev. W. H. Anderson.

Special greetings were offered by Dr. O. H. Stinson of the Southern Regional and Dr. C. V. Johnson for the Midwestern Regional.

Greetings were brought by Rev. J. Earl Adkins, Vice President of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Philadelphia. Rev. D. W. Beauford brought greetings. Dr. C. C. Adams, and Rev. H. J. Trapp of Foreign Mission Bureau, spoke in behalf of their work.

Our National Treasurer, Dr. W. H. R. Powell, gave warm remarks and Rev. Charles Nesbitt of New York City brought greetings.

A large singing group from the President's church, Second Baptist, sang. The choir came at Dr. Washington's request, by bus and through the snow to gladden our hearts with music.

Dr. Washington asked Dr. Kearse of Baltimore to introduce Dr. Chambers. This he did with choice words.

Dr. Chambers' Text was Matt. 12:4 and his subject, "A Divine Clinic in A Borrowed House." What a sermon! Nothing else could be said or added.

Rev. Jones of Brooklyn offered a motion of thanks.

The Rev. Leon H. Sullivan, Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, was asked to come to the platform and say words of greeting and make a statement concerning the "New Industrial Approach in Re-training." From his explanation this is going to be a great undertaking with city-wide effects. More power to him, and his work.

A tabulated report was given by Rev. Joseph Kirkland, Financial Secretary, of \$1,920. There were 66 Churches registered, one State Convention, and eight personal registrations.

The host Pastor thanked all of his sister churches for their help in the entertainment. Dr. Washington, our fine President, joyfully said, "Amen!" to a job well done.

After singing "Blest Be The Tie," Dr. Chambers gave the benediction.

DR. T. R. WASHINGTON, presiding
JOHN F. WILLIAMS, Secretary

(Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau)

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Taylor, Dr. Gardner C.	Concord	New York	\$1,100.00
Booth, Dr. J. Venchael	Zion	Ohio	180.00
Cherry, Rev. Chas. A.	Liberty Hill	S. Carolina	25.00
Edwards, Dr. S. D.	Metropolitan	Michigan	28.19
Harrison, Dr. Earl L.	Shiloh	Dist. of Col.	1,750.00
Hill, Rev. Chas. A.	Hartford Avenue	Michigan	20.00
Hughes, Rev. A. L.	Macedonia	New York	150.00
Johnson, Rev. A. L.	Friendship	Michigan	50.00
Moore, Rev. E. M.	Canaan	New York	125.00
Owens, Dr. S. A.	Metropolitan	Tennessee	200.00
Summers, Rev. J. E.	First Baptist	Virginia	5.00
Taylor, Rev. W. W.	Shiloh	Illinois	150.00
Total:			\$3,783.19

Donations to Burned Church
(Roanoke Baptist)

Taylor, Dr. Gardner C.	Concord	New York	\$ 100.00
Haywood, Rev. Edward	First Baptist	New York	25.00
Houston, Rev. C. E.	Shiloh	New York	50.00
Roger, Rev. John J.	New Bethany	Dist. of Col.	25.00
Rodgers, Rev. Chas. J.	Mt. Eagle	Illinois	25.00
Summers, Rev. J. E.	First Baptist	Virginia	3.00
Total:			\$236.00

Education
(Donation to Colleges)

Minister	College	State	Amount
Edwards, Dr. S. D.	Shaw	North Carolina	\$ 28.00
Metropolitan, Michigan			
Houston, Rev. C. E.	Benedict	South Carolina	25.00
Shiloh, New York	Friendship	South Carolina	25.00
Houston, Rev. C. E.	Morris	South Carolina	25.00
Houston, Rev. C. E.			
Taylor, Rev. Gardner C.	Benedict	South Carolina	250.00
Concord, New York			
Total:			\$ 353.00

Home Missions

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Hill, Rev. Joseph	Tabernacle	Ohio	\$ 4.05
Johnson, Rev. Louis	Friendship	Michigan	100.00
Total:			\$ 104.05

Representation of New Churches

Butler, Rev. C. W.	New Calvary	Michigan	\$ 75.00
Gilmore, Rev. C.	New Hope	Illinois	10.00
Johnson, Rev. L.	Friendship	Michigan	25.00
Kilgore, Rev. Thos. J.	Second Baptist	California	100.00
Luttrell, Rev. J. L.	Mt. Calvary	Ohio	10.00
Seares, Rev. H. L.	Third	Illinois	30.00
Wenck, Rev. A. A.	Mt. Haven	Ohio	10.00
Total:			\$ 260.00

Southern Christian Leadership
Conference

Booth, Dr. J. Venchael	Zion	Ohio	\$ 100.00
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Voluntary Monthly Support Plan

Chambers, Dr. T. M.	Zion Hill	California	\$1,100.00
Taylor, Dr. Gardner C.	Concord	New York	300.00
Booth, Dr. J. Venchael	Zion	Ohio	507.08
Arbuckle, Dr. A. C. L.	Antioch	New York	20.00
Bond, Dr. A. Ross	Shiloh	New Jersey	20.00
Brown, Dr. E. T.	Mt. Vernon	North Carolina	119.90
Chambers, Dr. H. C.	Macedonia	Mississippi	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Criss, Rev. G. W.	Sharon	New York	25.00
Douglas, Rev. J. M.	Metropolitan	Virginia	23.85
Edwards, Dr. S. D.	Metropolitan	Michigan	30.00
Foster, Rev. E. K.	Oak Grove	Dist. of Col.	10.00
Freeman, Rev. Stroy	New Friendship	Illinois	15.00
Gay, Rev. James E.	Greater Mt. Pleasant	New York	35.00
Green, Rev. C. W.	Pilgrim	Dist. of Col.	15.00
Hayes, Rev. D. J.	Mt. Calvary	Virginia	20.00
Haywood, Rev. E. L.	First Baptist	New York	25.00
Hill, Rev. Charles	Hartford Avenue	Michigan	20.00
Hill, Rev. Joseph	Tabernacle	Ohio	22.00
Hodges, Rev. S. S.	Pilgrim	Ohio	35.00
Jackson, Rev. James H.	Live Stone	Illinois	25.00
Jenkins, Dr. T. J.	Second Baptist	New York	25.00
Johnson, Rev. J. H.	Greater Middle	Michigan	10.00
Knox, Rev. W. B.	1st Washington	S. Carolina	25.00
Koger, Rev. John J.	New Bethany	Dist. of Col.	100.00
McBride, Rev. H. D.	New Temple	Ohio	44.00
Nichols, Dr. J. H.	First Calvary	New York	60.00
Owens, Rev. S. A.	Metropolitan	Tennessee	35.00
Patterson, Rev. J.	Progressive	New York	10.00
Patterson, Rev. R. L.	Mt. Carmel	Dist. of Col.	10.00
Powell, Dr. W. H. R.	Shiloh	Pennsylvania	104.15
Rieh, Rev. J. O.	St. Paul	S. Carolina	10.00
Richardson, Rev. E. J.	Baptist Temple	New Jersey	25.00
Robertson, Dr. B. W.	Cedar Memorial	Virginia	10.00
Shepherd, Rev. N. C.	Rising Star	Alabama	45.00
Sharper, Rev. Horace P.	Abyssinian	New Jersey	20.00
Smith, Rev. H. M.	St. Mary's	Ohio	40.00
Talley, Rev. C. E.	New Light	Michigan	50.00
Taylor, Rev. R. M.	Faith Tabernacle	Connecticut	20.00
Taylor, Rev. W. W.	Shiloh	Illinois	110.00
Underwood, Rev. J. N.	Grace Baptist	New York	10.00
Upshaw, Rev. W. C.	Antioch	Ohio	50.00
Vaughn, Rev. W. P.	Providence	Illinois	20.00
Williams, Rev. J. C.	Royal	S. Carolina	20.00
Williams, Rev. J. F.	Messiah	Virginia	10.00
Wilson, Rev. I. W.	Bethel	Nevada	5.00
Dixon, Mr. B. Sr.		New York	5.00
Total:			\$3,708.45

Note: These contributions were received during the period between October 1963 - August 1964.

GRAND TOTAL: \$3,629.00

**A SURVEY OF TOTAL GIVING BY CHURCHES
TO CONVENTION OBJECTIVES
AS REPORTED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE**

October, 1963 - August 1964

Minister	Church	City	Amount
Shepherd, Rev. N. C.	ALABAMA Rising Star	Selma	\$ 10.00
Chambers, Dr. T. J.	CALIFORNIA Zion Hill	Los Angeles	1,345.00
Baxter, Rev. W. J.	CONNECTICUT Greater Faith	Stamford	10.00
Taylor, Rev. R. M.	Tabernacle	Stamford	20.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Bennett, Rev. J. L.	DIST. OF COL. Mt. Calvary	Washington	25.00
Green, Rev. Charles W.	Pilgrim	Washington	150.00
Harrison, Dr. Earl L.	Shiloh	Washington	2,350.00
Koger, Rev. J. J.	Bethany	Washington	150.00
Lewis, Rev. Augustus	Jerusalem	Washington	10.00
Patterson, Rev. R. L.	Mt. Carmel	Washington	194.00
Rollins, Rev. Robert L.	Florida Avenue	Washington	10.00
Smith, Dr. E. C.	Metropolitan	Washington	40.00
Swanson, Rev. E. D.	Ebenezer	Washington	10.00
FLORIDA			
Alford, Rev. L. J.	Roanoke	West Palm Beach	25.00
Alston, Rev. T. J.	Mt. Gilead	West Palm Beach	20.00
Lee, Rev. R. M.	St. John Baptist	Boynton Beach	10.00
McKissick, Rev. J. H.	First Baptist	St. Augustine	10.00
GEORGIA			
Baker, Rev. A. D.	Shiloh	Dry Branch	12.50
Stinson, Rev. O. H.	Mt. Zion	Griffin	25.00
ILLINOIS			
Brandford, Rev. Wm. L.	Second Baptist	Chicago	10.00
Brown, Rev. John	Come & See Baptist	Chicago	15.00
Brown, Rev. T. E.	Progressive	Chicago	25.00
Buckner, Rev. R. L.	Pleasant Gift	Chicago	10.00
Glaser, Rev. Charles	Jerusalem	Chicago	10.00
Jackson, Rev. James H.	Live Stone	Chicago	25.00
Jelks, Rev. H. R.	Mt. Pleasant	Chicago	25.00
Johnson, Rev. C. V.	El Bethel	Chicago	60.00
Rogers, Rev. C. J.	Mt. Eagle	Chicago	10.00
Shelby, Rev. A. L.	First Timothy	Chicago	10.00
Taylor, Rev. W. W.	Shiloh	Chicago	335.00
Thomas, Rev. Matthew J.	Pilgrim Rest	Chicago	25.00
Williams, Rev. E. C.	Friendship	Chicago	10.00
Wordlow, Rev. J. N.	Mt. Hebron	Chicago	25.00
INDIANA			
Joyner, E. B.	Jerusalem	Gary	10.00
KENTUCKY			
Offutt, Dr. G. K.	West Chestnut St.	Louisville	10.00
Robinson, Rev. S. T.	Guiding Star	Louisville	75.00
MARYLAND			
Kearse, Dr. Logan	Cornerstone	Baltimore	25.00
Smith, Rev. Perry A. III	First Baptist	North Brentwood	10.00
MASSACHUSETTS			
Adams, Rev. Charles A.	Concord	Boston	25.00
McKissick, Rev. W. J.	Union Baptist	Cambridge	15.00
MICHIGAN			
Bishop, Rev. W. J.	Central Institutional	Detroit	25.00
Boone, Dr. T. S.	King Solomon	Detroit	10.00
Coleman, Rev. H. H.	Greater Macedonia	Detroit	20.00
Edwards, Dr. S. D.	Metropolitan	Flint	186.19
Gallen, Rev. J. H.	Mt. Calvary	Detroit	25.00
Hill, Rev. Charles	Hartford Baptist	Detroit	45.00
Johnson, Rev. Louis	Friendship	Detroit	200.00
King, Rev. J. E.	Gospel Temple	Detroit	25.00
McClune, Rev. W. D.	New Grace	Detroit	25.00
MISSISSIPPI			
Cameron, Rev. J. E.	Faith Tabernacle	Hattiesburg	10.00
MISSOURI			
Abel, Rev. Earl	Palestine	Kansas City	10.00
Chappel, Rev. E. E.	Second Baptist	Kansas City	10.00
Jones, Rev. L. B.	Paradise	Kansas City	10.00
Livingston, Rev. J. E.	Mt. Pleasant	Kansas City	10.00
Nance, Rev. Earl E.	Greater Mt. Carmel	St. Louis	10.00
Nance, Rev. John E.	Washington Taber.	St. Louis	25.00
William, Rev. E. R.	Christ's Pilgrim's Rest	St. Louis	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Anderson, Rev. J. H.	Mt. Pleasant	Metuchen	23.15
Dale, Rev. J.	New Hope	Metuchen	19.00
Davis, Rev. Norman	First Baptist	Riverside	10.00
Mills, Rev. T. O.	Shiloh	Atlantic City	15.00
Pugh, Rev. A. L.	Second Baptist	Asbury Park	25.00
Richardson, Rev. E. J.	Baptist Temple	Camden	30.00
Sharper, Rev. H. P.	Abyssinian	Newark	120.00
White, Rev. J. A.	Mt. Zion	Salem	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Arboun, Rev. A. C. L.	Antioch	Carona, L. I., N. Y.	140.00
Burrus, Rev. Lloyd A.	Zion Temple	Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.	40.00
Criss, Rev. G. W.	Sharon	Bronx	45.00
Davis, Rev. Wm.	Manhattan	New York City	12.50
Gay, Rev. James E.	Greater Mt. Pleasant	Brooklyn	40.00
Gilchrist, Mr. A.	Mt. Carmel	Brooklyn	25.00
Green, Rev. J. Webster	Mt. Calvary	Albany	10.00
Haywood, Rev. E. L.	First Baptist	Bayshore	110.00
Jenkins, Rev. T. J.	Second Baptist	Poughkeepsie	10.00
Jones, Rev. W. A.	Bethany	Brooklyn	25.00
Medley, Rev. Berkley	Mt. Carmel	Yonkers	25.00
Middleton, Rev. E. J.	The Living Stone	Brooklyn	10.00
Moore, Rev. F. M.	Canaan	New York City	200.00
Nichols, Dr. J. H.	First Calvary	Brooklyn	125.00
Noble, Rev. Scennie	Bethesda	Brooklyn	10.00
Pugh, Rev. Douglas	Grace	New York City	10.00
Reeder, Rev. J. T.	Mt. Ararat	Brooklyn	35.00
Stamps, Rev. C. S.	Metropolitan	New York City	60.00
Taylor, Dr. Gardner C.	Concord	Brooklyn	1,775.00
Underwood, Rev. J. N.	Grace	Brooklyn	10.00
Watkins, Rev. Henry	New Mt. Calvary	New York City	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Brown, Rev. E. T.	Mt. Vernon	Durham	145.35
Booth, Dr. L. Venchael	Zion	Cincinnati	2,137.00
Burrell, Rev. John H.	Prince of Peace	Akron	10.00
Hill, Rev. Joseph	Tabernacle	Cincinnati	20.22
Hodges, Dr. S. S.	Pilgrim	Hamilton	50.00
McHrde, Rev. H. D.	New Temple	Cincinnati	73.00
Page, Dr. W. A.	Union	Cincinnati	10.00
Upshaw, Dr. Wm. C.	Antioch	Akron	65.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Curry, Rev. R. M.	Faith	Oklahoma City	10.00
Jackson, Rev. W. K.	St. John	Oklahoma City	25.00
Provo, Rev. J. D.	New Hope	Oklahoma City	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Adkins, Rev. J. Earl	Mt. Ephraim	Philadelphia	10.00
Anderson, Rev. W. H.	North East	Philadelphia	25.00
Beatty, Rev. J. H.	Holy Cross	Philadelphia	15.00
Cromwell, Rev. R. L.	Child's Memorial	Philadelphia	25.00
DeBorre, Rev. R. P.	North Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	30.00
Gray, Rev. W. H. Jr.	Bright Hope	Philadelphia	15.00
Killebrew, Rev. T. C.	New Light Beulah	Philadelphia	10.00
Kirkland, Rev. James E.	Union	Philadelphia	25.00
Lewis, Rev. E. T.	Faith Tabernacle	Philadelphia	10.00
Marks, Rev. Charles	Mt. Zion	Philadelphia	25.00
McCravy, Rev. E. M.	Tasker Street	Philadelphia	10.00
Perrett, Rev. E. M.	New Israel Brookston	Philadelphia	10.00
Powell, Dr. W. H. R.	Shiloh	Philadelphia	115.00
Salmons, Rev. David I.	Greater White Rock	Philadelphia	25.00
Shopard, Dr. M. L.	Mt. Olivet Tabernacle	Philadelphia	25.00
Taylor, Rev. S. L.	First Paschall	Philadelphia	10.00
Trapp, Dr. H. J.	Thankful	Philadelphia	125.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Washington, Rev. T. R.	Second Baptist	Philadelphia	25.00
Williams, Rev. J. A.	Baptist Temple	Pittsburgh	25.00
Younger, Rev. J. A.	Saints Memorial	Bryn Mawr	45.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Bocals, Dr. J. A.	Benedict College	Columbia	10.00
Curry, Rev. James A.	Mt. Moriah	Camden	10.00
Williams, Rev. J. C.	Royal	Anderson	30.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Owen, Dr. S. A.	Metropolitan	Memphis	240.00
Sorell, Rev. L. S.	White Stone	Memphis	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Forbes, Rev. A. A. Jr.	Metropolitan	Ft. Worth	12.00
George, Rev. L. H.	Mt. Zion	Amarillo	10.00
James, Rev. S. H.	Second Baptist	San Antonio	25.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Robertson, Dr. Benj. W.	Cedar St. Memorial	Richmond	65.00
Williams, Rev. J. F.	Messiah	Newport News	20.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Taylor, Rev. B. A.	Mt. Chapel	Keystone	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Phillips, Rev. E. B.	Greater Galilee	Milwaukee	25.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
TOTALS	Colleges: 1		
No. of Ministers: 147	States: 25 & Dist. of Columbia		\$ 12,646.04

SUPPLEMENTARY LIST
A SURVEY OF TOTAL GIVING BY CHURCHES
TO CONVENTION OBJECTIVES
AS REPORTED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
October, 1963 — August, 1964

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Austin, Dr. J. C.	Pilgrim	Chicago	\$ 25.00
Freeman, Dr. Stroy	New Friendship	Chicago	25.00
Rhodes, Rev. T. M.	Original Providence	Chicago	12.00
Rawls, Dr. Louis	Tabernacle	Chicago	50.00
Williams, Rev. E. R.	South Park	Chicago	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Jackson, Rev. I. K.	St. Paul	Gary	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Amos, Rev. W. L.	True Light	St. Louis	10.00
Wilder, Rev. S. L.	All Nations	St. Louis	10.00

Minister	Church	State	Amount
Collins, Rev. R. W.	South Shore	Chicago	5.00
David, Rev. Leon	Douglas Park	Chicago	5.00
Hollis, Rev. J. W.	Beulah Community	Chicago	5.00
Lomas, Rev. Oscar	Greater Zion Temple	Chicago	5.00
Porter, Rev. F. L.	St. Stephens	Chicago	5.00

Minister	Church	City	Amount
Warfield, Rev. Bernis	MICHIGAN Second Baptist	Kalamazoo	\$5.00
Hellums, Rev. C. R.	MISSOURI New Jerusalem	St. Louis	\$5.00
Schaffer, Rev. James	Greater Providence	St. Louis	\$5.00
Taylor, Rev. P. J.	Ephesian	St. Louis	\$5.00
Wells, Rev. C. L.	Harrison Avenue	St. Louis	\$5.00

*This report is included in the total given on a previous page.

NUMERICAL GROWTH OF THE CONVENTION 1961-1964

Statistics from the Organizational Meeting
Record of the Church Convention Growth
Listing of the New Churches Registered since September, 1963
The Progressive National Baptist Convention

	Report For November 14-15, 1961 Held At The Zion Baptist Church Dr. L. V. Booth, Pastor Cincinnati, Ohio
Messengers Registered	21
Churches Registered	20
States Registered	12
Messengers Participating	33
States Represented	14
Registered Delegates and Regular Offering	\$226.90
Contribution to Foreign Missions	161.36
Receipts from the churches	308.81

TOTAL \$721.36

HISTORICAL NOTES

States Represented in the Organizational
Meeting of the Progressive NBC

Alabama	1
California	3
Florida	3
Illinois	3
Indiana	1
Iowa	1
Kentucky	3
Michigan	1
Mississippi	2
New Jersey	8
Ohio	3
Pennsylvania	2
Virginia	1
West Virginia	1
TOTAL	33

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

November 14-15, 1961

Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

Dr. L. V. Booth, Pastor

REGISTRANTS	CHURCH	STATES	ENROLLMENT
1. Binford, Rev. W. H.	Mount Zion Baptist	Mich. City, Ind.	\$10.00
2. Booth, Dr. L. V.	Zion Baptist Church	Cincinnati, Ohio	50.00
3. Bransford, Rev. W. L.	Emerson Street 2nd Baptist Church	Evanston, Ill.	
4. Brent, Rev. A. R.	Shiloh Baptist Church	Plainfield, N. J.	10.00
5. Chambers, Dr. T. M.	Zion Hills Baptist	Los Angeles, Cal.	25.00
		Foreign Mission	10.00
6. Glover, Rev. W. V.	New Virginia Baptist Church	Montgomery, Ala.	10.00
7. Green, Rev. J. F.	Second Baptist	Detroit, Mich.	10.00
8. Henderson, Dr. J. R.	Second Baptist	Los Angeles, Cal.	10.00
9. Hodges, Dr. S. S.	Pilgrim Baptist	Hamilton, Ohio	10.00
10. Lavigne, Rev. I. B.	First Baptist Church	Farrell, Pa.	10.00
11. Mason, Rev. A. L.	Grace Baptist Church	Columbus, Ohio	10.00
12. McBride, Rev. H. D.	New Temple Baptist Church	Cincinnati, Ohio	10.00
13. Mitchell, Dr. J. C.	Sixteenth Street Baptist Church	Charleston, W. Va.	10.00
14. Parker, Rev. W. W.	Antioch Baptist	Waterloo, Iowa	10.00
15. Patterson, Rev. H. W.	Mount Carmel Baptist Church	Columbus, Ohio	10.00
16. Rawls, Dr. Louis	Tabernacle Baptist Church	Chicago, Ill.	10.00
17. Robertson, Dr. B. W.	Cedar Street Baptist Church	Richmond, Va.	10.00
18. Sorrell, Rev. L. S.	White Stone Baptist Church	Clarksdale, Miss.	10.00
19. Wagner, Rev. C. F.	Zion Baptist Church	Cincinnati, Ohio	10.00
20. Walton, Mrs. Thelma	Antioch Baptist	Cincinnati, Ohio	10.00
21. Williams, Rev. J. B.	New Zion Baptist	Pittsburgh, Pa.	10.00
22. Williams, Rev. J. F.	Messiah Baptist	Newport News, Va.	10.00

PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION CHURCH GROWTH

STATE	1962	1963	STATE	1962	1963
Alabama	7	16	Mississippi	3	4
Arkansas	1	0	Missouri	8	8
British W. Indies	1	0	Nevada	1	2
California	14	15	New Jersey	12	15
Connecticut	2	1	New York	41	52
Dist. of Columbia	18	23	North Carolina	10	7
Florida	3	6	Ohio	6	9
Georgia	7	9	Oklahoma	0	1
Illinois	23	47	Pennsylvania	46	32
Indiana	1	4	South Carolina	14	20
Kentucky	12	21	Tennessee	6	8
Louisiana	1	1	Texas	3	1
Maryland	3	5	Virginia	22	15
Massachusetts	0	1	West Virginia	6	7
Michigan	6	21	Wisconsin	0	1
Total number of churches enrolled in 1962				277	
Total number of churches enrolled in 1963				352	
Number of churches enrolled since last September 1963				33	
Total number of churches to date (8-18-64)				385	

ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS — BOARDS — COMMITTEES — AUXILIARIES Treasurer's Report

The President, Dr. T. M. Chambers, Officers, Delegates, Members and Friends, of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, assembled in the Third Annual Session, this eleventh day of September 1964, in the Church Home of the Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. William H. Borders, Minister.

My dear Brethren and Sisters:

Your Treasurer has both the honor and pleasure of herewith submitting this 1st. Second Annual Report as servant of this Great Body of distinguished Christian men and women, showing the receipts and disbursements of all monies handled by him for the Convention for the period beginning August 1, 1963, and ending July 31, 1964.

I. PRELIMINARIES

1. It will be shown by the report now about to be made that your treasurer, during the annual period has had put in his trust for conservation and disbursement two kinds of receipts.

There have been submitted to the treasurer cash, money orders and checks made payable to "The Progressive National Baptist Convention" directly, that have been endorsed on behalf of the Convention and handled through the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, according to regular banking procedures.

There have been still other monies submitted in money orders and checks made payable directly to certain of the Convention's objectives which could not be passed through the bank, and had to be sent to the institutions and persons involved directly. So that, your treasurer in this instance has been but a clearing agency for the Convention.

This report, therefore, will of necessity show two kinds of transactions: (A) Monies received, banked and disbursed in the regular way for which proper vouchers, cancelled checks and bank statements are available (B) Clearance monies which were sent to the parties named and for which there are letters and receipts on hand in evidence.

2. Concerning such clearance money, it should be said, however, that by having been cleared through your treasurer upon the advice and activities of your Executive Secretary, Dr. L. Venchael Booth, the stature of the Convention has been greatly heightened, on the one hand, while the wisdom and usefulness involved in having an Executive Secretary for the Convention have been significantly illustrated, on the other.

3. Whereas the treasurer is prepared to submit a complete and itemized record of all monies received, disbursed and still held by him, yet, due to the lack of authority to have this report printed, he has considered it prudent for this limited printing to show summaries of receipts and disbursement totals only, feeling certain that the Convention will otherwise give due credit through other publications to each individual church and organization contributing. For experience teaches that a clear, honest handling and reporting of funds received by charitable institutions very greatly encourage men and women of goodwill to be liberal in their contributions.

II. THE REPORT

(A) MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSED THROUGH THE BANK

Brought Forward August 1, 1963 \$ 653.56

RECEIPTS

August 1, 1963, through July 31, 1964

Second Annual Session, Detroit, Mich.	\$10,643.33
Eastern Regional Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa.	1,007.12
Mid-Western Regional Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.	615.00
Through Office of Executive Secretary	5,839.97
Total Receipts	\$18,205.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Second Annual Session, Detroit, Mich.	\$ 4,571.39
Returned checks and errors in deposits of Second Annual Session	160.00
Office of Executive Secretary	2,500.00
Representation Fee — National Council of Churches	250.00
Eastern Regional Session, Philadelphia, Pa.	476.95
Foreign Mission Bureau	45.00
Home Mission Bureau	79.05
Total	\$ 8,082.39

Education

Morehouse College	\$ 1,207.36
Bishop College	1,000.00
Shaw University	300.00
Benedict College	200.00
Zion Industrial School	150.00
Selma University	100.00
Morris Brown College	100.00
Simmons University	100.00
Mol-Reha Christian Enterprise, Inc.	100.00
Southern Regional Leadership Conference	800.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,057.96

Total Disbursements

\$ 12,168.35

RECAPITULATION

Brought Forward August 1, 1963	\$ 653.56
Total Receipts through the bank	16,205.42
Total	\$16,858.98
Less total Disbursements	12,168.35
Cash on hand in bank — July 31, 1964	\$ 4,690.63

(B) MONIES RECEIVED AND TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY TO CONVENTION OBJECTIVES

RECEIPTS

Foreign Mission Bureau		
Southern Regional Meeting, West Palm Beach, Fla.	\$ 503.00	
per Dr. J. F. Williams	1,868.19	2,371.19
All other sources		
Home Mission Bureau		25.00
Building Funds:		
St. Paul Baptist Church, Gary, Ind.	\$ 75.00	
Routeke Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark.	233.00	308.00

Education:

Morehouse College	\$ 1,865.00
Shaw University	38.00
Benedict College	275.00
Friendship College	25.00
Morris Brown College	25.00
Southern Regional Council	100.00
Total Receipts	\$ 2,328.00

Total Receipts

\$ 5,032.19

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts	\$ 5,032.19
Total Disbursements	5,032.19
Balance	\$ 0.000.00

III. MAJOR SUMMARY

Brought Forward, August 1, 1963	\$ 653.56
Total Receipts from all sources from 8/1/63 to 7/31/64	21,237.61
All other sources	\$11,651.00
Through office of Executive Secretary	
Dr. L. Venchael Booth	9,083.50
Through Financial Secretary's Office	
Dr. J. F. Williams	503.00
Grand total from all sources	\$21,891.57
Total Disbursements for all purposes	17,200.50
Balance in Treasury in Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa., August 1, 1964	\$ 4,690.53

In concluding his report, the treasurer calls attention:

1. To the fact that the report just submitted has not been audited. This is due to the fact that no request has been made of him for such audit. However, it is the conviction of the treasurer that the report submitted is both accurate and dependable. But may it please the Convention to be assured that if and when the audit is made of his books, the treasurer stands willing and prepared to correct any and all errors that may be discovered.

2. The treasurer would finally strongly request that the program of banking adopted by the Convention at another time and place be speedily activated. Experience teaches that a sound business practice is essential both to the health of the Convention and the comfort of the treasurer.

And, finally, the treasurer wishes the Convention to know that he has served his office for the year conscious of a deep and abiding appreciation to President Chambers and all the members for the confidence so generously extended him by honoring him with the privilege to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. R. Powell

Auditor's Report

The auditor has experienced some understandable difficulties in the execution of his office for the past year.

The auditor believes that many of these difficulties will automatically remove upon the adopting of the constitution by the convention. It is hoped that this instrument will give us a fixed year uniformly followed by both the convention and its auxiliaries. There is the need for a specifically stated method of banking and disbursing. The work of the Auditor will further facilitate when the convention makes clear both to auditor and all persons and auxiliaries concerned whose books must be audited. With the above conditions met, along with the introduction of a uniform system of record keeping - your auditor shall be able to present to this great convention the type of report it deserves and rightly should have.

This report covers only the audit of the books of the treasurer of the convention proper and the report of the treasurer of the Home Mission of the convention (See Statement "A").

STATEMENT "A"

I have examined the record of the treasurer of the convention including the ledger of the receipts and disbursements, cancelled checks and brought forward statements, receipts and disbursements to convention objectives and projects, and find that all statements regarding the financial condition of the convention are true and correct as confirmed by records.

I find further that the record-keeping as used by the treasurer of the convention is commendable, sound and time-saving.

The convention could, with great advantage, adopt the above-mentioned method for its auxiliaries (See "B").

RECAPITULATION "B"

The records of the treasurer as of August 1, 1963-July 31, 1964, show the following:

August 1, 1963	\$ 653.56
Receipts for the year (Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co.)	16,205.42
Total Disbursement for year	\$16,858.98
	12,168.35
Balance as of July 31, 1964	\$ 4,690.53
Books for complete audit of the financial condition of the Home Mission Board were not available (due, perhaps to auditor's failure to request transmission of records).	
Records on hand revealed an earnest effort on part of treasurer to execute his office in accordance with the high standard of this convention.	
The records further reveal that the fiscal year of this Board was from convention to convention. The records further show that this board sustained a deficit of \$138.53.	

Recapitulation — Home Mission Board

Total Receipts	\$774.66
Total Disbursements	861.26
Balance (deficit)	\$ 86.60

This deficit as set forth does not reflect another entry as indicated on the record (which if added would bring the total incurred deficit) \$138.53.

The Auditor respectfully suggests that this fine Board of Home Mission could profit greatly from consultation with the convention, through its Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted
R. L. PATTERSON, Auditor

Report of the Statistician

Value of Churches	\$14,034,000.00
Parsonages	1,233,000.00
Other Properties	385,000.00
Number of Members	1,001,815
Number of Members Baptized	5,476
Taken in by Letter	1,091
Taken on Christian Experience	4,698
Taken by Restoration	438
Loss by Death	644
Loss by Letter	104
Loss by Dismissal	212
Enrolled up to 5:00 P. M. Sept. 10, 1964: Churches	486
Delegates	628

No figures are reported for S. S. and B. T. U. because they were not there.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. WILLIAMS, Statistician

Department Of Christian Education

DATE	RECEIVED FROM	AMOUNT
1 64	Mrs. Emma E. Moore (Cincinnati, Ohio)	\$ 17.50
2 64	Rev. Woodrow Wilson Taylor (Ill.)	37.00
2 64	J. V. Bottoms (Kentucky)	21.00
3 30	Shiloh Baptist Church (Chicago, Ill.)	15.00
3 30	M. Martin (Certification of School and Course Cards)	10.00
3 30	Mrs. Jeanette Bryant (Progressive Baptist Church)	22.55
3 30	(Certification of School and Course Cards)	21.00
3 30	Shiloh Baptist Church (Flint, Mich.) (21 First Certificates)	11.50
3 30	Shiloh Baptist Church (Akron, Ohio)	15.50
3 30	W. Fellowship Institute of Religion (East St. Louis, Ill.)	1.00
3 30	W. Fellowship Institute of Religion (East St. Louis, Ill.)	150.00
3 30	Progressive National S. S. and B. T. U. Congress	

6-18	District S. S. and B. T. U. Congress of the Union District Baptist Association (Chicago, Ill.)	19.50
6-24	California Constitutional S. S. and B. T. U. Congress	13.00
7-26	New Fellowship Leadership Education Congress (East St. Louis, Ill.)	6.00
7-3	Constitutional S. S. and B. T. U. of California	26.00
TOTAL		\$398.50

DISBURSEMENTS 1963-64

DATE		AMOUNT
9-63	The Graphic Press (Letterheads)	\$ 11.00
6-64	Typewriter Exchange (Stamp Pad and Ink)	2.70
12-63	Typewriter Exchange (Folders)	2.85
7-64	Baptist Book Store	31.42
1-64	The Graphic Press	67.10
	Church Ushers Association of New York	25.00
	Stanips and Postage	5.00
	Secretarial Work for Month of June, 1964	126.50
	Secretarial Work other months 1963-64	213.00
Total Secretarial Work 1963-64		339.50
Balance Due from 1964 S. S. and B. T. U. Congress		59.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$673.12
Receipts for purchase of some of the above materials Materials from above disbursements on hand		32.50 12.50
Total deductions from above material		\$ 45.00
1963-64 Deficit, Department of Christian Education		(\$231.52)

1963-64 Report of Accreditation and Certification

Course Cards Issued from Sept. 1, 1963, to Sept. 1, 1964	1,154
Course Cards Issued at the Congress in Chicago, Ill. (1964)	70
GRAND TOTAL	1,224
Certificates Issued from Sept. 1, 1963, to Sept. 1, 1964	
99 First	
36 Second	
26 Third	
1 Advance	
Total Certificates	162
Certificates Issued at the Congress in Chicago, Ill. (1964)	
7 First	
8 Second	
6 Third	
4 Advance	
Total Certificates	25
As of Sept. 1, 1964, we have 59 instructors certified in our National Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress	
As of Sept. 1, 1964, we have 123 instructors certified in the Progressive National Baptist Convention	
As of Sept. 1, 1964, we have 16 deans certified in the Progressive National Baptist Convention	
From Sept. 1, 1963, to Sept. 1, 1964, we have accredited 22 schools in the Progressive National Baptist Convention.	
Number of A courses taught from Sept. 1, 1963, to Sept. 1, 1964 — 16	
Number of B courses taught from Sept. 1, 1963, to Sept. 1, 1964 — 47	
Number of new courses certified by Progressive National Baptist Convention since September 1, 1963 — 4	

Humbly submitted,
S. D. EDWARDS

Report of the Historian SOME CIVIL RIGHTISTS IN NEGRO BAPTIST HISTORY

By Theodore S. Boone

The most positive challenge in America today is that cause that has troubled the minds and disturbed the hearts of Negroes for more than three centuries: the enjoyment of the rights that God has designated as the entitlement for every man without predicated the same upon color of skin, texture of hair or ethnic origin.

Consideration cannot be snatched from those who have given thought, time, energy and life to the efforts designed to acquire for them and others Civil Rights.

Not only is the struggle for Civil Rights most prominent in the United States of America, but it is the cry from the soul of every deprived individual, maltreated group or enslaved nation of the world today.

Privileges, rights and immunities are more desired and striven after than a mess of pottage or a cargo of lucre or even physical life by those who are burdened with the countless loads of indignities that have pyramided to the sky over the bleached bones and decomposed flesh of their forebears. They started early in their struggles, for some of the disinherited were offsprings of early slaves who had enjoyed the glories of regal splendor in their balmly Africa.

The treks of the slave master led them with their human possessions who were regarded in many instances as nothing more than chattel to the various colonies and later states of this union, where there was imposed upon the slaves indescribable infractions of human treatment.

The institution of slavery, with its glaring injustices had made its woeful imprint upon the body and soul of America. It had driven some who held slaves to, of their own volition, loose the bands and grant a new life to their former slaves. To others tragedy was offset by the vast remunerative value that the Negroes had for them by pouring streams of wealth into their garner.

But stalwarts who opposed the institution and saw it as the mark of debauchery upon the claims of America and put themselves in the channel of abolition fought without relenting until it was robbed of its pomp and divested of its glory and was made to bow to the urge of democracy and leave its advocates to assume the role of believers in the dignity of humanity regardless of the color of the skin that encased the beings.

The pen of an immortal and the sword of an annihilator broke the bands and severed the fetters that held in bondage and shackled in serfdom black sons and daughters of God who had committed no offenses for which they had been enslaved other than to yield to chains and pray to God for deliverance.

Every facet of life in Florida was touched by the dynamic personality of Henry Wilkins Chandler who used his legal and political genius as clerk and alderman of Ocala, State Senator and as a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention in 1885. He was relentless in defense efforts for his people. His thorough training in Bates College and the Law School of Howard University most befittingly qualified him for the tasks he assumed and ably performed.

John Mitchell, Jr., was regarded as the most fearless Negro editor of his time. His daring and courage set him forth as a man of unconquerable stamina and persistent will. He gave his attention primarily to the outrages of his people in the South. He wrote fearlessly against Officer Priddy, white, whom he said killed Banks, a Negro, after the jury had brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by some unknown disease. He further deplored himself with marvelous bravery in the case of the lynching of one Richard Walker, in Charlotte County, Virginia. "There are no terrors, Cassius, in your threats for I am armed so strong in honesty that they pass me by like the idle winds, which I respect not."

From the shackles of slavery marched George French Ecton out of the entanglements of Kentucky to the legislative halls of Illinois as a representative of the Third Senatorial District, Chicago, Cook County. As he contended for the freedom of his people and himself before and immediately after the Civil War, he contended for the rights of his people without reservations.

The pen is mightier than the sword was clearly evidenced by deeds of

Christopher H. Payne, who with his dynamic preaching wielded tremendous influence over his people as he projected himself and for their vigorous and pointed writings.

Each area has produced its champion in some certain field of endeavor. But there are cases where the prowess of men has extended beyond their local environs. Such was the case with James Pindexter of Ohio. He was born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1817. He was baptized in the Second Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, by Elder Wallace Shelton, in the Spring of 1840. He was ordained as an elder in 1849, and he was elected pastor of Second Baptist Church in 1862. He served as a member of the City Council of Columbus and was chosen as vice president of that body. He was very active in many phases of politics, having served on the Board of Education, as president of the Pastors' Union of Columbus where all of the members were white but himself as a juror on the petit jury of the United States Court, as foreman of the jury and the only Negro to that time who had served in that capacity. He was most aggressive as a speaker and newspaper contributor on all matters relating to the rights, freedom and enfranchisement and elevation of his people. He said, "There are colored men mean enough to sell their votes but not many of them, and worse than all, that there are white men recalcitrant enough to buy the votes of both white and black."

George W. Williams, the most outstanding and eminent Negro historian of his time distinguished himself further as an able gospel minister, erudite editor and courageous tribune for his people, as he represented them and contended for their rights as a great and eloquent orator and logical reasoner. He served in the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C., as a journalist in Washington, D. C., the legislature of Hamilton County, Ohio, United States Minister of Haiti. The work of George W. Williams for and in the interest of his people endeared him to them as: Reverend, Honorable, Colonel, Editor, Traveler, Legislator, Lawyer, Poet, Historian and Novelist.

J. T. White, a minister of the gospel, editor and organizer of the Arkansas Missionary Baptist Convention, was a hard contender for the rights of his people. He served as a dynamic member of the Arkansas Constitutional State Convention, the House of Representatives, the Arkansas State Senate. The governor appointed him to the position of Commissioner of public works and external improvements. He was a very capable writer, one with a clear head and forcible style, a free thinker with a facile pen.

G. W. Gayles gave himself to his people as their representative where their rights were involved. As a minister of the gospel he was respected and revered. The State Convention of Mississippi enjoyed his intrepid leadership. In the matters of law and politics he served as Justice of the Peace for the Fifth District, member of the Mississippi Legislature, State Senator of the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District. As a member of the Mississippi Legislature he had splendid opportunities to do good for his people, which he always took advantage of. His record was ever kept clear as a representative of and commander for his people in his legislative duties.

The tenderness of heart of Leonard Andrew Grimes moved him to great sympathy and willingness to work for and in the interest of his people. He was ticked beyond measure when the impositions of slavery were heaped upon his people. His resolve was to do something about the wretchedness of the institution of slavery, and he encouraged and aided them in their desires and efforts to escape from bondage. He was suspected by the slaveowners, tried, convicted and imprisoned. But he was always to live with his conscience because he knew he had endeavored to help his people.

Rich in deeds of helpfulness for his people was Jesse Freeman Boulden. In connection with his many tasks as minister of the gospel and pastor, he found time to give much of his energy to movements to help secure their rights. It was in 1865 that this Baptist preacher got up the first petition that went to Congress in which he asked for the right of franchise and the first Emancipation Celebration, which took place January 1, 1865. At that celebration he delivered a lecture on "The Duty Of The Hour." He was one of the leaders in forming the Republican party in Mississippi; he made the first Republican speech that was ever made in the Court House, he was a member of the first Republican Convention held in Mississippi, at Vicksburg, July 1867, who elected against his will to the Lower of the Mississippi Legislature

was the first colored man to serve as Speaker of the House in Mississippi, if not in any other State.

It was one of the barber shop George L. Ruffin went to attain prominence as a lawyer and later eminence as a judge. He ever held his books close by his side as he performed his tasks as barber. He was a close student of men and human nature. There was offered him an opportunity to study law with Jewell & Gaston, which he took advantage of and thereafter entered the Harvard Law School, where he distinguished himself by completing alone the three years' course in one year, graduating therefrom in 1869 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, the second degree conferred by Harvard on a colored man. He was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature in 1869, and because of his marvelous service was re-elected in 1870. George L. Ruffin was elected Judge of the District Court of Charlestown, and was inducted into office with General Butler, governor of Massachusetts, administering the oath. He was elected a member of the Common Council of Boston in 1875. He served in many positions where the culture and refinement of the entire city of Boston were displayed in the highest. His were labors and contributions of a patriot for his people.

James J. Spelman was a native son of Connecticut and an adopted son of New York, Louisiana and Mississippi. He offered himself as a member of the army of the government under the call of President Abraham Lincoln when the War among the States first broke out, but was not allowed to serve on the plea of the police of the city of New York that the "tender of colored men to the government would exasperate the South."

He gave himself to politics and education having served as a delegate to many Republican conventions, member of the board of trustees of Alcorn College, a presidential elector in 1872, a member of the Committee on Rules in 1876 when the National Republican Convention met in Cincinnati, secretary of the National Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, member of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Mississippi. He gave much of himself and time in taking a foremost position in the proceedings of the legislature by contending most vigorously then for Civil Rights and the passage of such a bill in Mississippi.

J. B. Fields was a most gifted and eloquent preacher. The flight of his family from slavery in Missouri to a new and better haven in Illinois intensified his horror of the institution of slavery and stimulated his ambition for freedom. Among the course of freedom he traveled to the evening of his earthly career. He desired freedom unto all slaves, and he said: "In August, 1820, a golden calf, the dragon of beast, was brought to this country; it was slavery, and many fell down and worshiped it. . . . For more than a quarter of a century he labored and toiled for the right, for truly he was a Moses for his people, and his last moments spent and words spoken were in favor of the Negro, humanity and justice. To judge Hoar, in the last moments of earth, he said: "Do not let the Civil Rights bill fail" which was truly his adieu to earth and greeting in Heaven.

In the face of misunderstandings and grave and severe criticisms there were furnished strong shoulders on which we could rest by that sagacious and wisdom-enshrouded savant, Booker T. Washington. Men void of bias and untainted with the venom of prejudice must admire the intelligence and earnestness of such a giant as Booker T. Washington. Great blessings accrued to the Negroes through his purposes and labors that were designed to equip the Negro to meet any and all emergencies of life and thereby crown himself with laurels of academic prowess and industrial efficiency. The results of such labors as his were the greatest boons and benefactions to a rising people. The foundation he laid is the basis of the superstructure upon which we are building today.

Charles H. Parrish was an able champion of the causes for right of the Negro. He was fearless and spoke often at great life risks during his day. He was a delegate to the Republican Convention, carrying the plea of the Negro to a better day. He also appeared upon occasions before the Senatorial Convention of Kentucky.

John J. Simmons, an able educator, was also a great religionist and . . . He was supremely interested in his people and gave much of his energy and time to their betterment. The young Negro imposed great concern

upon him. He said: "The days are slipping by and our children are growing into manhood and womanhood—we are fast passing away. All we live deluded with the hope that the general government will bring us a panacea for all our ills." We must be for progress wherever found. We must wisely.

He spoke to the Kentucky Legislature for his people. A paper, the *Soldiers' Reunion*, said: "The speech of Rev. W. J. Simmons, D.D., before the Kentucky Legislature, was one of the ablest efforts ever made in the interests of the colored people."

Upon another occasion, he said: "The warm blood of the Negro that haunts the channels of his veins with ancient Egyptian and Ethiopian fires has been tempered in the climate of the South and reduced to that proportion which robs it of its sluggishness, subdues it of wild passion and holds it by reason while the trials of the past have been the friction that brightens, the winds that toughen, and the frosts that ripen."

There was said of him:

As has been said of liberty, vigilant application is the price of profound scholarship, and this being the charm of his life, nothing but premature death can avert it. Too many of our young men after reaching literary distinction forget the rock from which they were hewn, and waste their lives in endeavoring to become white, or expend it in worshipping white gods. But this charge cannot be made against the doctor [William J. Simmons]. He is as true to his race as a needle is to the pole.

It was his purpose to leave a legacy for those who came after him that will light their torches, inspire their young, encourage the doubtful, animate the faltering, and forward the tide of elevation till the last Negro boy and girl on the globe shall be proud of his and her color, hair, origin and racial group identity.

There was no more daring champion of human rights than that character who with very limited childhood training down South on the farm grew to become one of the polished college products who was admitted to practice law in all the courts of our Nation, J. Vance Lewis. He started his career in the North and also traveled extensively abroad. His contacts in courts of law with international jurists and world citizens of renown gave him a most passionate desire for equal rights for his people and himself. He was most gifted as an orator and spoke out against discrimination and segregation. Because of his daring he was arrested and incarcerated on forty-eight charges that were preferred against him. His daring for others enlisted friends who went to his relief and won his exoneration. Such an interest and act by his friends charged him with a renewed devotion to the cause of human equality and he represented his clients, some of them lifetime convicts, at the point of guns. In many of the churches of the South and throughout the Nation, J. Vance Lewis spoke as a tribune to his people.

In many areas there were defied the school boards that were very much in accord with the idea of discrimination and the act of segregation. Such men as J. H. Washington, an educational product of Oberlin College in Ohio and Robert J. Evans, both leaders in the public schools of Texas and most active as laymen in the work of the church and with conventions, made stellar contributions as advocates of fair play and equality for all men. Their positions in the school systems in which they worked were challenged because of their uncompromising stands, but, nevertheless, they stood anyhow.

One of the most outstanding research experts as a lawyer in matters of Civil Rights was Richard Evans. He associated with his valuable findings in research his skill and fearlessness as an outstanding lawyer. At the risk of his life he invaded the coveted recesses of bitter and relentless segregationists and discriminationists.

William J. Durham has given himself as a most unselfish representative of his people, as struggled for their rights. He tirelessly labored at times alone and at other times with the intrepid corps of lawyers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the rights of and in defense of his people.

Proud indeed can Negro Baptists be, and they are, for having stood with and encouraged some of the most erudite minds that ever sipped from the legal fountain that slaked the thirst of Solon or feasted upon the licit viand

that abated the hunger of Blackstone. Among them must be named Charles Robinson, who was a fearless soul at the bar of justice for his people in Louisiana; Elisha Scott and William Bradshaw, who contended for the black man before the courts of law and clamored for nothing less than justice for the people of their kith in Kansas and abroad; William Haynes, W. E. King and Charles Jenkins, who established a highway of equity, justice and fair play to every recess of Illinois and every trail of human travel in America; Harold E. Hodges, a blazing epitome of right for his people that dazzles the sky of injustice to the point that hordes of wretchedness are lost in the mist of irreconcilableness; Clayborne George and Charles Carr, whose stands in council chambers and legislative bodies have shattered the illicit crucible of hate in Ohio where other assemblies were gathered to do violence to the cause of their people or the cause of right; William H. Harrison, who wore in splendor the robe of judgeship and argued with biting invectives, stinging sarcasm and conversely silver similes and golden metaphors, plead the cause of his people in courts of law and equity and as convincingly at the bar of public opinion in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Illinois and the general court of the world and the forum of the universe.

It is with consummate pride that Negro Baptists point to M. M. Rodgers, who, though he served as a fashioner of youthful minds as an educator, a builder of a fraternal empire and the collector of internal revenue in the state of Texas for the building of character, stamina and fortitude in his people, as he contended for and had them to know well his purpose, their rights.

Edward D. Pierson lived an unblemished record, fought an unconquerable fight and died in the trenches with his face set as a flint toward the goal of righteousness and respectability for his people.

During the days of the frequency of the flares of the lynchers' torches and the constancy of the uses of the hangman's nooses in the state of Georgia, Charles T. Walker, P. James Bryant and A. D. Williams stood forth as fearless stalwarts and with their clarion, trumpet-like voices assuaged the bitterness that lighted the hearts of their people and scathingly denounced with sarcastic pliancy those who lynched, murdered and inhumanly imposed atrocities upon the disinherited. They knew naught of fear; they did know right, and for it they contended for all, denouncing every infraction heaped upon their people under the most exacting and perilous circumstances.

One who was greatly inspired by Walker and Bryant and became a very able follower in their paths was James M. Nabritt, Sr. He had wonderful opportunities to have contacts with some of the avowed segregationists and advocates of discrimination in Georgia. Then it was that he made known his stand for his people and took direct aim at their positions that were void of any semblance of justice and denounced their suppositional claims.

Andrew J. Stokes was one of the most fearless Civil Rights champions that ever placed his feet upon the crusty soil of terra firma. His life was many times threatened, but such did not move him from his mooring. He was followed as a Civil Rights advocate, in the confines of Alabama, and at his abiding place, Montgomery, by Vernon Johns whose daring and intrepidity for the rights of his people were spoken well of everywhere.

No man has ever done a more thorough and capable job in race relations than L. K. Jackson. His pen has challenged unfairness and lack of true Americanism from the lowest to the highest. He has invaded the realms of local, county, state and national leaders. The Congressmen, Senators, Supreme Court Justices and Presidents of our Nation have been called upon to do, uncompromisingly and unreservedly, their duties as the Constitution and their oaths of office require.

The lately E. C. Morris stood as a tall oak in the forest of discrimination and examined the finest qualities of courageous statesmanship as he in the midst of blasting shots and booming shells of riots and rioting cried aloud and encouraged vigorously for his people and their enjoyment as first class citizens of their God-given rights.

No one did an opportunity present itself where the good of his people would be considered without L. K. Williams, gifted genius, crying in vociferous words and the wrongdoers and especially their wrongs. He disclosed the truth, in charming diction and radiant eloquence and uncovered the darkness, using in stinging sarcasm and opprobrious scurrility. As a leader in

the South and throughout the Nation. I. K. Williams stood as a giant in gleaming, glittering armor in defiance of the enemies of the rights of his people.

Brusqueness and rude defiance stalked the opponents of the cause of the Negro when Alfred A. Barbour came with daring challenge and bold defense of his people. He knew not the way of compromise or the cause of retreat. To his rest he went a tired man after countless battles for his people and their rights.

The threshold of his house was kept holy; the entrances of the abidings of his people were kept sacred; the gates of respectable Negroes were kept sacred by A. L. Boone. He never allowed unfair treatments to be imposed on his people by anyone—officers of the law or any others. He received that aggressive spirit of defense from his father, who would not even during the flow of the institution of slavery submit to the corporal punishment of the slaveowners. In his leadership in the bloody, troubled South, when white was unqualifiedly right and black was unquestionably wrong, there was found that sterling worth that never faltered or wavered in the face of the most inhuman impositions that had swept the souls of other Negroes into terror and buried their ambitions in the smoldering embers of hatred.

In high and responsible places in some of our institutions of learning have stood and now stand some of democracy's strongest giants and Civil Rights' most courageous champions. Mudecai Wyatt Johnson, venturesome advocate of equality and fair play for all occupied the presidency of Howard University with the dignity of a King, the splendor of a potentate and the bravery of a tried and trusted general. He spoke out for his people and he made it known that his people came first, for he wore the presidency of Howard University.

Benjamin E. Mays has served on committees and in most conspicuous councils for human rights in the thick of the fury and flames of the turbulent South. He is to his people, this Nation and the world the epitome of justice, fairness, human equality and Civil Rights. His tongue and pen have told and are telling the story of triumph and victory over the roughness of the unpaved ways of oppression and ostracism.

James M. Nabrit, Jr., able successor to a noble predecessor as president of Howard University, has distinguished himself as a jurist of renown who invaded areas of segregation and removed barriers of rejection and gave Negroes the right to enter places that previously had been closed against them. He moves now as a threat to social ills perpetrated by disciples of prejudice, a contender against bias held in the lap of hate and devouring the milk of animosity that flows from the poisoned paps of discrimination. To him the presidency of Howard University is an avenue of hope pointing the way to the goal of the realization and appreciation of human equality among all ethnic kinds.

Negro Baptist women have not given themselves only to the matter of pulchritude and the acceptance of the gifts and advantages of human rights bestowed upon them, but they have projected themselves in the stream of the struggle for human rights and dignity. Jean Capers, a lawyer of the feminine sex, gave the best of her legal mentality in the chambers of the Common Council of Cleveland, Ohio, for a nobler womanhood. Her efforts were matched by Esther Archer, who scaled all obstacles afforded by the rebuffs that vied against her sex, and forced her way into the law-making council of Canton, Ohio, in defense of her helpless sisters in black and others of her kind in general. Yes, and there are other Negro women who are associating their genius and daring in council chambers and legislative halls as Civil Rightsists in the interest and defense of all disinherited.

On local, state and National levels Negroes have thundered uncompromisingly in the interest of the unfortunate and truly in the interest of their own. Some come from the recesses of nowhere; others from the recluses of despair, others from the caverns of nothingness, others from the pits of legislative halls of Ohio; D. W. Huggard moved into the legislative circles of Pennsylvania; Marshall L. Shepard, Sr., moved to service in the Council of legislation in Pennsylvania and nationally in Washington, D. C.; Charles C. Diggs, Sr., gave legal direction in Michigan; Charles C. Diggs, Jr., served at the legislative halls of Michigan and the U. S. House of Representatives; Aaron

Clayton Powell, Jr., has been a long-time Mr. Civil Rights from New York State to the U. S. House of Representatives.

The young Negro Baptists of America were constantly thought of and worked for by A. Franklin Fisher who endeavored to inspire them through the agency of the National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress, which body he served as dean.

T. M. Chambers, Sr., has stood in the presence of conflagrationists and most positively contended against their wrongs, and then in the presence of chief executives he has eloquently portrayed the righteous cause of the Negro.

William Holmes Borders in his philosophical, historical, poetical depictions has charmingly yet poignantly made known the indubitable fact in "I am Somebody" that Negroes have challenged the oppositional forces of psychology and sociology and arrived at being somebody in all areas of the human community of life. And he riding in an unsegregated police car further made it known that he would ride in an unsegregated Atlanta passenger bus or push a wheelbarrow in hell.

Martin Luther King, Sr., holds high the burning torch of freedom for his people and has never relented in his contentions at home and abroad; and he stands ready to give himself and allow his sons to be taken for the good of his people.

Gardner C. Taylor, on the school board and off in Brooklyn, has exclaimed at resounding epithets the virtues of his people. Then, he has blasted the wrongs perpetrated against them with a voice that sounded like a screaming trombone. Civil Rights he wants for his people, and for Civil Rights he has contended and still contends.

Ralph Abernathy knows no Alps too high for him to scale in the struggle in which he is engaged for his people. He has covered himself with honor and glory in the rights battles that have called him most to active service. He got his first taste of the bitters that must be drunk by all who unselfishly strive to give respectability to the Negroes.

Kelly Miller Smith has endeavored and is still endeavoring to make that Gay, that community known as the Athens of the South for the Negro, truly that in everything the statement implies. He has waded through the marshes of human inflections; he has kept long vigils, even watched through all of many nights of terror in Nashville, in Tennessee, where the dews of culture and the showers of intellectuality are supposed to fall upon anxious brows in great profusion. He believes in and fights constantly for Civil Rights.

Fred Shuttlesworth can rightly be called Mr. Courage in his Civil Rights conventions. He has led his own children, hand in hand, through the confrontation of fuming mobs with his own head battered, and bleeding but unbowed. In regions of endorsement of and co-operation with the segregationists, and in climes of sympathy with the approval of the Civil Rightsists, Fred Shuttlesworth has unflinchingly, uncompromisingly, unreservedly made known his hopes for a better day for Negro children and his ambition for a new dawn for all maltreated, oppressed, abused and denied people everywhere.

Thomas Kilgore, Jr., heard the cry and was moved by the urge to "go West," but not before he had crowned himself with deeds of service that won for him acclaim as a hero in the cause of Civil Rights. His position in the struggle for the good and best interest of his people cannot be questioned, for like a dazzling meteor his words and efforts for the advancement of the Negroes bespangled the sky of human need and service.

No name is more widely known; acclaimed; heard than that of Martin Luther King, Jr. And he is every inch and ounce the man his name implies.

Out of the shades and shadows of unknownness came this young man quitted by the accumulating incidents and incited to action by the overwhelming tides of the Montgomery, Alabama, Bus Melee. Prior to this the pulpit of the Dexter Baptist Church had claimed all of his attention and service. But when Rosa Parks, a petite woman from the viewpoint of her physical stature but a giant, colossal and mammoth woman in brave, courageous and strong, held her seat in the bus to give a few more restless moments to her short body and consternation broke out in Montgomery and shortly thereafter, throughout America because of the insistency exhibited by the bus drivers to have her get up or get off the bus, Martin Luther King, Jr.,

heard the loud call of something within that stirred his blood and made him answer "Here am I." From Montgomery and the Bus Boycott he and his followers and associates projected, and he has gone to every troubled area in America. Speak to Albany, Georgia; call on Birmingham, Alabama; go to St. Augustine, Florida; move over to several points in Mississippi; call on many other areas of this Nation of ours; talk with Presidents, Senators, Representatives, Governors, Mayors, Industrialists, Labor Leaders, Laborers, Professionals, and people of all walks of life and they will all in unison proclaim Martin Luther King Jr. as the most dynamic, purposeful Civil Rights leader in the world today. He advocates and urges non-violence as the sure, safe and only course to pursue. It is true that Gandhi was a non-violent leader of his people — India.

The life of Martin Luther King Jr. cannot be adequately compared with that of Gandhi for Gandhi had a Nation behind him in what he did. But Martin Luther King Jr. is more like Jesus — without a country behind him with a divided people — some supporting him with abiding vigor and others fighting and trying to destroy him and his program, with some of his own ethnic kind betraying him and trying to put him to death. But with non-violent leadership being afforded by him under the flaring colors of the floating banner of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Martin Luther King Jr. is to the disinherited a household word in every city, town, hamlet or countryside.

The confusion that staggers the Nation — our Nation — America, today has blighted it with a most distorted image. If this image is to be changed if this image is to be corrected, if this image is to represent America as the land of the free and the home of the brave; if this image is to become a symbol of fairness and justice to the other Nations of the world, if this image is to become a chart evidencing the proper course for all of the people of the world to follow, if this image is to become the pointer to show the right way to the people of the blighted lands of the world; if this image is to annihilate communism and establish democracy, then the things for which these and other Civil Rights have fought and are fighting must be accepted as the principles and ideals upon which the brotherhood of man and Fatherhood of God must be erected. Segregation, discrimination, prejudice, bias, bigotry, lynching, defiance of the law must be buried beneath the vortex of oblivion without a possible means of escape, and love, fairness, hope, desegregation, integration and brotherhood must be perched upon the throne of justice, mercy and truth with God as Father of all Jesus Christ as our Example and Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Teacher and Comforter.

Commissioner On Higher Education

To President Chambers, Officers, Board of Directors, Executive Secretary and members of this Great Convention and friends: I am grateful for this opportunity to report on my activities in this annual session.

As I account to you for my personal stewardship, before I offer any suggestions, I wish to state the following: I have enjoyed every moment spent with this Convention from the day of its inception until this day. I am now willing to offer myself again, to serve in any capacity, at any time that you may need me. Without giving mere dry statistics, I will give you a brief sketch of my activities since leaving Detroit. I have attended several meetings and churches speaking in behalf of a program of missions, education and evangelism with major emphasis on Christian Education.

January 20, 1964, I went to Washington, D. C., to the N. A. E. Convention Board of Administration meeting. I also attended the International Student Council which convened for five days dealing with education, prayer in public schools, religious institutions and separation of church and state.

February 5, 1964 through February 7, I attended the "President's Prayer Breakfast" in Washington, D. C. and for two days shared with the religious leaders from all over the country and even foreign countries in trying to analyze the role of the minister and the church in the political life of America in the days that lie ahead.

February 25 through February 28, I attended the Eastern Region of the N. A. E. Convention at Williamsport, Pa., at which time we dealt at length as to what role the religious schools and colleges would play in the future

in the light of the Bill that is now pending before Congress to subsidize the Christian Schools and Colleges, which means that if the Bill is passed, that the government will tell us what to teach and preach in the near future. Therefore, the church must remain separated from the state as it was founded by our forefathers.

I was asked to speak before the Missouri Senate at Springfield, Mo., with regard to where we stand in our relationship to the World Day of Prayer, Religion Bible in Public Schools, and the future support of our Christian Colleges in America.

I was invited to speak before the State Convention of the N. A. E. along with pastors of all denominations including the Catholics in Des Moines, Iowa, May 12-13, 1964. Therefore, you can see that I have taken my appointment seriously and prayerfully.

In St. Louis, Mo., I gave you highlights regarding my activities for the first seven months as your Commissioner On Higher Education, and gave some suggestions as to how I felt we should operate, of which I shall refer to some of them in this report at the grass-roots level of our Convention.

In these changing times the church must be conscious that it must stress as never before the importance of higher education. In the field of industry, anyone seeking employment is asked to pass a test — this test is in writing. Therefore any man or woman today without a high school education is in trouble seeking employment. And it is predicted by educators that within the next ten years it will be difficult for one to get employment who is not a college graduate. In the face of automation, timing, and the many power-saving devices we have today, man is being outmoded.

A few days ago the President of the United States signed several important bills: Housing, Mass Transportation, Tax Cut Bill, Civil Rights Law, and the Higher Education Act. All over the country, in every conference which I have attended since we last met, the stress has been to ask youth to return to school, and encourage them to attend high school and college. A higher education MUST be had in order to cope with living conditions in this present society. The war on poverty deals largely with education at the local grass-roots level. This is no time to be complacent and satisfied, not only in secular education, but in the mental and social adjustments of our people. This interest must come from the pulpit, dedicated school teachers, dedicated religious workers, as well as social workers. We have the answer to most of this world's ills.

OUR COLLEGES

Our colleges throughout the country are integrated. The demand for trained technicians in every field of human endeavor is on the increase.

Term Foundation is asked to raise one million dollars in the next twelve months to aid young people who have dropped out of school, and adults who have been denied the privilege of education. It is teaching individuals to read, write and how to vote in order for them to be accepted as other citizens of this commonwealth. Many persons who are on welfare and relief rolls could be eliminated today even if they had an eighth grade education. Thus, the Christian Church must be concerned not only with the spirit of a man, but his whole

In 1965, with the help of you, if it is the will of God, we want to raise without interfering with the program of our Convention budget or the duties of the Executive Secretary a minimum of \$10,000.00 to be reported to this Convention in Los Angeles, Cal. in our 4th Annual Session "With God all things are possible." This Commission cannot be satisfied and justify its existence unless it can maintain itself and bring a substantial contribution for the work of this Convention.

We have thousands of young people who would enjoy going to a Christian School or College if they had some assistance, and this Convention has a great opportunity to witness for Christ in this area. With the budget program, and the money that the Commissioner On Higher Education will raise next year, the opportunity we have with the David C. Cook Publishing Co., the amount of quality, quantity, and finance in 1965, this Convention can at least \$50,000.00 to be turned over to the Board of Directors and the Executive Secretary to distribute among the colleges of this Convention. This can be done if we believe it, and if each one will heed the teachings of John, Chapter 17, "... that they may be one."

THE DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION

(1) This department shows that there are between twenty thousand young people who are aspiring for higher education. The Department of Campus Christian Life Works, Student Foundation, Universities, and state schools. The demand for help is on the need to have a unified budget, emergency loan fund, annual appropriations of the Conventions and Associations, Christian Education emphasis week, right grants and donations to meet these needs. These, and many other sources must be tapped by the Commissioner On Higher Education in order to cope with the situation in the days that lie ahead. We do not want to take this office just in name—we want to function.

On May 22, 1964, we met in a Workshop in a Regional Conference on Equal Employment in the city of Chicago, requested by the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson. Quoting from report: "This program afforded an opportunity for a presentation and discussion of basic features inherent in or related to achieving equal employment opportunity. Through all six panels, certain common conclusions were evident. Again the necessity for wide spread community participation in the attack on the root causes of limited opportunity and continuing discrimination was emphasized. The interrelationship of economical conditions, employment opportunities, educational resources, availability of housing, open public accommodations, and cultural enrichment was apparent in the observations of panelists and participants. Although the need for further legislative and regulatory action was recognized, it was a frank admission that this would not be enough and that the task of implementation called for extensive and creative effort on the part of leaders from every segment of society. The conference theme of the need for informed and cooperative action was strongly supported in the expressed belief that progress could be secured only through new patterns of individual and group action at the local community level."

Panel No. 1—Education and Training for Employment

The panel, chaired by the Honorable Ivan Nestigen, Under-Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, explained the forms of community action necessary to create an educational system supportive of genuine equal employment opportunity. There was a general consensus that at least the following action steps should be undertaken in every community:

- (1) Intersperse educational opportunities at the lowest level, even for pre-school children.
- (2) Provide educational saturation in those neighborhoods in which culturally deprived families reside.
- (3) Design special educational programs for those children previously judged to be non-educatable.
- (4) Eliminate non-equal public education by requiring equally high standards for teachers and curriculum in all communities.
- (5) In prove and extend the counseling available in high schools to direct minority children toward appropriate further training leading to employment.
- (6) Provide scholarships for all persons who show ability and want a higher education.
- (7) Extend and make more available literacy training for adults.
- (8) Offer expanded programs for the retraining of adults to be identified employment prospects in the community.
- (9) Expand technical training and update vocational education programs through greater investment of resources and in relation to job opportunities.
- (10) Expand and improve apprenticeship programs on a non-discriminatory basis.

These conclusions call for renewed action by school boards, educators, and community leaders everywhere, and religious organizations. *Fraternities*

(3) Many religious and educational organizations feel that their educational objectives should be left in the hands of a few preachers, missionaries, directors of religious education, but we need lay-leaders in every church who are educated. This Convention should have a scholarship-fund and it should be the duty of the Commissioner on education as well as the Budget Committee to see that we give 30 or 40 scholarships in our annual session each year, to students who attend an accredited Baptist School. There should be scholarship given to students who attend non-accredited Baptist Schools as well as seminaries. Any worthy CAUSE for Christian Education this Convention should be interested. This Convention through its Commissioner on Education should ask State Conventions and Associations to cooperate in aiding this effort. If this Convention considers accepting the offer made by The David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, Ill., to provide office space and clerical help without expense to the Convention, and if we accept the person recommended to us by our President Dr. T. M. Chambers (Dr. James) as our editor, this means that we can have the type of literature and coverage with the proper perspective and materials that will arouse the constituency of our churches at the grass-roots level. In turn the donation which we will receive from The David C. Cook Publishing Co. will help us to reach many young people who are deserving that we could not otherwise reach in the next four years. We as a group, do not have the VISION of the importance of higher education. To me, "this is a tragedy."

The purpose of this Convention as I see it, is not to perpetuate office-holders, but to work for Christ and the Christ-Way of LIFE:

1. This Convention was organized to promote Christian education, evangelism, and brotherly love.
2. To have a Convention that will stand for tenure of the major officers other than the Executive Secretary.
3. To free ourselves from selfish dictatorship, and hierarchy.
4. To perpetuate the CAUSE rather than the individual.

This has been done and for which all thinking Baptists in America should be grateful.

Schedule of Activities since St. Louis meeting:

May 22, 1963—The Regional Convention on Equal Opportunity, sponsored by the White House in Chicago, Ill., which dealt with four (4) areas:

1. Education
2. Higher Education
3. Labor
4. Housing

June 6, 1964—I was appointed to serve as Commissioner On Higher Education in the Executive Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ, U. S. A., Inc. through Dr. S. D. Edwards, Director of Christian Education, of the P. N. B. C., Dr. H. C. Noble, General Director.

August 5, 1964—I will be with the Executive Board of the N. A. E.—Pilk Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., with the Fact Finding Group on Higher Education within the framework of the Christian Church.

December 1st, 1964—In Washington, D. C., with a group dealing with the Baptist Committee on Public Affairs. Theme: "The Meaning Of Free Expression of Religion in this Changing World."

I hope that in 1965, if it is the will of God, we will give a better comprehensive report in our annual session. For unless the Christian takes a "New Look" at the various trends that exist in our society we are going to be in serious trouble. Integration of all churches has begun. Thus, the days that lie ahead, the minister, lay-leader, the Christian who is not prepared to meet this challenge will find themselves unbalanced, and found wanting.

Humbly submitted,
LOUIS RAWLS, Commissioner

Report of Home Mission Board

The Home Mission Board recommends the following officers for 1964-65:

Chairman: Rev. L. A. Burrus
 Corresponding Secretary: Rev. S. M. Weaver
 Assistant to Corresponding Secretary: Rev. B. E. Burles
 Treasurer: Rev. W. V. Glover
 Recording Secretary: Rev. C. W. Green
 Consultant: Rev. V. A. Edwards

REV. L. A. BURRUS, Chairman
 REV. C. W. GREEN, Secretary

Report of Education Board

This is our second report as an organized board, the first being in Detroit, Mich. in 1963. There we were re-elected to carry on to this session. Those elected were:

The Reverend E. J. Richardson (N. J.)
 The Reverend A. J. Hargrett (Ill.)
 The Reverend Joseph J. Dale (N. J.)
 The Reverend J. H. Beattie (Pa.)
 The Reverend J. Earl Adkins (Pa.)
 The Reverend B. T. Mottox (N. Y.)
 Mrs. Bernice Porter (N. Y.)

Chairman
 Secretary

W. C. Upshaw (Ohio)
 Enoch D. Davis (Pa.)
 Walter McCall (Ga.)

Our second annual meeting has been held at this session. The report will be made by Secretary Hargrett.

I would like to call your attention to the purpose of the Board. The purpose is to raise money for theological education for which there is a great need. Hundreds of ministerial students need help to be able to complete their education. For their sake we as a board of education, through the Convention must support the existing colleges and seminaries, such as Moorehouse, Shaw and Virginia Union. There is but one answer, we will only have the leaders we need for tomorrow's churches as we increase our support today for better education.

How can this be done?

1. By canvassing the membership for pledges. The answer to the challenge is in every church. It is the leader's responsibility to encourage their churches to accept a definite goal in money raising for education.

2. Encourage others to contribute their leadership to the program in whatever way they are able to serve.

3. As members make your own financial commitment through your local church membership surveys.

4. Turn pray that the program may strengthen our needed ministry in education, so that many more will be able to serve in the home, in the church in the community and around the world.

5. Education at its best will motivate students to sharpen their goals, refine their insights and broaden their learning. It will help to prepare them to become responsible citizens in the community and in the church.

Therefore, the Board through the Convention offers scholarships to men and women, especially young men, called to preach and teach. Further, the Board of Commissioners on education, through the Convention, will plan financial support for the building up of colleges and seminaries.

How to operate financially: Report of offerings—all to the

unified Budget.

6. Regular undesignated. This should be sent to the unified treasurer and from there designated.

7. Should the Board of Commissioners put on campaigns, the results should be turned over to the unified treasurer for distribution.

Recommendation:

1. Recommend five students for four-year scholarships at whatever prior school charge per school year.

Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau, U. S. A., Inc. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES JULY 31, 1964

ASSETS		
Cash Balance July 31, 1964	\$17,521.92	
Deposit on Electric	25.00	
Accounts Receivable	5,175.00	
Total Current Assets		\$ 22,721.92
Returned Checks	\$ 57.04	
Land	2,500.00	
Building	\$ 7,500.00	
Building Improvements	14,531.25	
Office Furniture and Equipment	3,026.85	
Other Equipment	1,609.46	
Sub-Total	\$26,667.56	
Less Reserve for Depreciation	1,790.34	24,877.22
Total Fixed Assets		27,434.22
Prepaid Insurance		204.60
TOTAL		\$50,360.74

LIABILITIES		
Bank Loans	\$ 7,500.00	
Notes Payable on Equipment	159.49	
Payroll Taxes	357.49	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 8,016.98
Deferred Assets over Liabilities		42,343.76
TOTAL		\$50,360.74

Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau, U. S. A., Inc. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1963 TO JULY 31, 1964

RECEIPTS		
Cash Balance October 1, 1963	\$29,114.30	
Bank Draft	50.00	\$ 29,164.30
Contributions		\$81,198.98
Office Income:		
Rents	\$755.26	
Miss. Outlook Subscriptions	46.00	
Miscellaneous	66.00	867.26
General:		
Taxes Withheld	1,153.65	
Miss. Outlook	1,564.75	
Un- & d Checks Uncollected	228.00	
Receivable	1,070.71	
Receipts		86,083.35
TOTAL		\$115,247.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Administration	\$14,141.71
Building Operation	1,362.68
Taxes	824.40 16,328.79

Missionary Work	50,530.79
General	

Bank Loans—	
Citizens and Southern Bank	7,500.00
Central Penn National Bank	5,000.00
Notes on Equipment	53.01
Payroll Taxes	1,166.35
Refunds	432.25
Returned Checks	285.00
Office Furniture and Equipment	656.83
Other Equipment	1,609.46
Building Improvements	10,104.25
Accounts Receivable	4,050.00

Total Disbursements \$ 97,725.73

Cash Balance July 31 1964 17,725.92

TOTAL \$115,249.85

Pilgrim Baptist Mission Issele Uku, Nigeria, West Africa Dr. S. W. Martin Founder and Administrator

Schools	30
Teacher Training College	1
Churches	1
Students	8,000
Workers	300

Haitian Baptist Mission Cap-Haitien, Haiti, West Indies Rev. Gerson V. Toussaint, Founder-Director

Schools:	
Elementary	11
Junior High	1
Kindergarten	1
Churches	2
Converts, 1964	1,000

Respectfully submitted,
RAYMOND A. CROMWELL
Executive Secretary

Committees Appointed in the Third Annual Session

I. FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. E. Evans (Calif.)
John F. Williams (Va.)
Charles W. Green (D. C.)
H. L. Buckner (Ill.)
S. T. Robinson (Ky.)
Louis Johnson (Mich.)
A. J. Allen (D. C.)

J. E. Nance (Mo.)
C. S. Stamps (N. Y.)
C. C. Adams (Penn.)
J. C. Austin (Ill.)
H. H. Coleman (Mich.)
H. Joseph Franklin (Ky.)

III. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

E. L. Harrison (D. C.)
W. A. Jones, Jr. (N. Y.)
W. J. Hodge (Ky.)

II. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J. E. Kirkland (Penn.)

J. H. Pierce (Calif.)
Raymond Robinson (D. C.)
J. Carl Mitchell (W. Va.)
Charles B. F. Hinton (Va.)
Curtis Kyle (D. C.)

IV. PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE

Gardner C. Taylor (N. Y.)
L. S. Sorrell (Miss.)
H. E. Nutter (Ky.)
Thomas Kilgore (Calif.)
E. B. Phillips (Wis.)
S. B. Barbour (Penn.)

V. TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE

S. A. Owens (Tenn.)
W. H. Borders (Ga.)
A. C. L. Arbouin (N. Y.)
H. J. Trapp (Penn.)
J. J. Koger (D. C.)
E. T. Brown (N. C.)
W. V. Glover (Ala.)
Jasper Reaves (N. Y.)
Jeffrey Joseph (Ky.)

VI. PERMANENT ORGAN COMMITTEE

Stacy Freeman (Ill.)
Julius James (Ind.)
J. W. Booker (La.)
W. C. Upshaw (Ohio)
I. W. Wilson (Nev.)
W. C. Cherry (Miss.)
James T. Reeder (N. Y.)
M. Ivory Jefferson (Va.)
W. Jones (Ill.)
M. Burrell (Ohio)

VII. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

E. E. Chappelle (Mo.)
O. Rich (S. C.)
J. A. Bacates (S. C.)
A. R. Lacey (Ky.)
T. S. Boone (Mich.)
S. D. Edwards (Mich.)
G. K. Offutt (Ky.)
Louis Rawls (Ill.)
W. K. Jackson (Okla.)

VIII. STATE OF THE COUNTRY

K. Jackson (Ind.)
J. E. Nance (Mo.)
T. Y. Rogers (Ala.)
H. P. Snodder (N. J.)
H. M. Kissick (Fla.)
E. C. Emerson (Miss.)
H. L. Johnson (W. Va.)
L. E. Sr. (Ill.)
E. J. Atkins (Penn.)
L. E. Wood (Penn.)

IX. QUARTERS COMMITTEE

E. L. Harrison (D. C.)
E. T. Brown (N. C.)

H. T. McCrary (Penn.)
E. M. Moore (N. Y.)
W. H. R. Powell (Penn.)
R. L. Patterson (D. C.)
M. C. Watson (Ga.)
A. L. Hughes (N. Y.)

X. APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

L. V. Booth (Ohio)
W. D. McClung (Mich.)
A. R. Brent (N. J.)
W. P. Vaughn (Ill.)
R. L. Rollins (D. C.)
J. H. Nichols (N. Y.)
E. J. Richardson (N. J.)
S. R. Parker (Okla.)

XI. WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

B. R. Robertson (Va.)
J. J. Johnson (N. C.)
A. L. Alford (Fla.)
C. V. Johnson (Ill.)
B. A. Taylor (W. Va.)
George C. Thomas (N. Y.)
R. M. Taylor (Conn.)
J. Webster Green (N. Y.)
W. C. Baxter (Conn.)
W. J. Bernstein (La.)

XII. REGIONAL SOUVENIR COMMITTEE

J. D. Provo (Okla.)
D. N. Conner (Fla.)
C. E. Houston (N. Y.)
W. S. Randolph (S. C.)
H. C. Nabrit (Tenn.)
Harold Carter (Va.)
C. J. Rogers (Ill.)
James E. Summers (Va.)
F. L. Eddins (La.)
John Brown (Ill.)
Enoch D. Davis (Fla.)
Aaron McCombs (D. C.)
E. K. Foster (D. C.)
J. E. King (Mich.)

XIII. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Existing Committee:
E. C. Smith, Chairman (D. C.)
E. L. Harrison (D. C.)
C. V. Johnson (Ill.)
J. E. Kirkland (Penn.)
J. H. Nichols (N. Y.)
W. H. R. Powell (Penn.)
J. W. Hollis (Ill.)
J. I. Hunter (Calif.)
Wm. L. Lambert (Ill.)
Six Additional Members:
T. S. Boone (Mich.)
W. A. Jones, Jr. (N. Y.)
E. T. Brown (N. C.)
W. D. McClung (Mich.)
Chas. Adams (Mass.)
W. W. Taylor (Ill.)

**A Proposed Blue-print Of Kingdom Service
For Progressive Baptists For
Deliberation And Decision**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

The Reverend E. E. Chappelle, Missouri, Chairman

RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONVENTION:

1. Establish a Board of Publications, members of said Board to be elected by the Convention with representatives from the Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress and other auxiliary bodies. Board to be composed of 15 members.
2. Anticipate distributing a complete line of basic literature to constituency by 1966.
3. Charge Board of Publications with responsibility of hearing proposals from prospective publishers and report its findings to the Convention.
4. Elect an Editor-In-Chief upon recommendation of the Board of Publications.
5. Publish a monthly journal. This should be done immediately through the office of the Executive Secretary and until such time as the Publications Board is ready to assume responsibility.
6. Direct all departments to send minutes to the Recording Secretary who is directed to prepare said minutes under the direction of the Executive Secretary, for the ensuing Annual Session.
7. Plan literature to cover the needs of member churches.
8. Authorize the Board of Publications to nominate a Director of the Board of Publications who shall be elected by the Convention.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

THE REVEREND MELVIN WATSON, GEORGIA, CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONVENTION:

1. Explore lines of functional cooperation with the American Baptist Convention in the area of Christian Higher Education.
2. Participate in the work of the National Council of Churches.
3. Establish a scholarship fund for worthy students from the Progressive Baptist Churches, and other Baptist Churches, to study at Colleges, Universities and Seminaries.
4. Recognize the work of Baptist Colleges throughout the country and seek to help them, where possible, to higher standards.
5. Follow the Budget Committee's recommendation for financial support of its educational program (Refining Committee).
6. Study groups, workshops, seminars, to be sponsored annually by the Convention in its four regions and in its Annual Session, in addition to conducting retreats and conferences for Juniors and Youth in the regions annually.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

THE REVEREND W. W. TAYLOR, ILLINOIS, CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONVENTION:

1. Establish a division of Missions to consist of two departments. The Department of National Missions and The Department of World Missions.
2. Invite the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau to become an integral part of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, with the understanding that it be charged with full responsibility for the World Mission work of the Convention.
3. Make the Board of Evangelism a part of the Department of National Missions.

(SEE SUPPLEMENT)

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CONCERNS

THE REVEREND W. J. HODGE, KENTUCKY, CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONVENTION:

1. Commit itself to examination of and continuing interest and action in the areas of:

- A Civil Rights
- B War and Peace
- C Poverty
- D Management and Labor
- E Health and Welfare
- F Youth Development
- G Ministerial Welfare
- H Population Explosion
- I Separation of Church and State
- J Christian Family Life
- K The Aging

(SEE SUPPLEMENT)

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

THE REVEREND S. H. JAMES, TEXAS, CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONVENTION:

Direct representatives of each Department, Auxiliary, Commission, Board, and the official staff of the Convention to form themselves into an organization, sometimes called "A Council of Missionary Cooperation." The Budget from each of the above areas shall be carefully screened to avoid duplication and overlapping. The following breakdown has been recommended for good and efficient administration of the Unified Budget:

Foreign Missions	15%
Home Missions	15%
Benevolence	5%
Education	20%
Cooperative Christianity	5%
Civil Rights	5%
Reserve Fund	5%
Administration (Operating)	15%
Promotion	5%
	100%

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REFINING COMMITTEE:

1. It is recommended that the churches be requested to represent with 50¢ per capita, per year.
2. Those churches who prefer at this time another method of representation, we propose the acceptance of quotas. The suggested quota is \$10.00 and above per month, per church.
3. For those churches not prepared to enter either plan, an annual representation fee may be paid.

Committee On Missions (Supplement)

A. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL (HOME) MISSIONS

It shall be the purpose of the Department of National Missions to spread the kingdom of Christ in the U. S. The function of the Department shall be to seek to bring persons in the United States into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. The Department of National Missions shall seek to strengthen the witness of the local churches in the implementation of the evangelistic ministries.

SOME SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- Some specific objectives of the Department of National Missions shall be:
 1. Assist state and association mission boards - consultatively and financially in defining and analyzing pertinent situations and evaluate approaches to solutions.
 2. Support regional projects and engage in experiments designed to strengthen church and association programs, schools, colleges, seminaries and other projects.
 3. Cooperate with other national religious organizations for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God in the United States.

- 4 To motivate the churches to regularly and to systematically support the missionary objectives of the convention.

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN

- 1 The Rural Ministry
- 2 The Ministry of children and youth
 - a. juvenile work
 - b. homes for children and youths (Half-Way Houses)
- 3 Church Extension
- 4 Evangelism
- 5 Bible Extension
- 6 Institutional Ministries
 - A. The Chaplaincy
 - 1 Military
 - 2 Hospital
 - 3 Penal and other institutions
 - 4 Industrial chaplaincy
 - 5 The Campus Ministry
 - B. Community Centers and Training Schools, etc.
 - C. Homes for the Aged and unwed mothers
- 7 Special Ministries
 - 1 The Deaf, the Mute, the Blind
 - 2 Handicapped persons, etc.
 - 3 Refugee and other emergencies
- 8 The Ministerial and Missionary Guidance Council
 - 1 Pensions
 - 2 Basic Salaries
 - 3 Placement
 - 4 Health Insurance
 - 5 Guidance for Social Security, etc.

B. THE DEPARTMENT OF WORLD MISSIONS

The purpose of the Department of World Missions of the Progressive National Baptist Convention shall be to spread the ministry of Christ in areas beyond the continental United States. It shall be the function of the Department of World Missions to seek to bring persons outside the United States into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

BASIC OBJECTIVES. The following shall be the basic objectives of the department of World Missions:

- 1 To serve such churches, associations, conventions, and other bodies and donors who may desire the Department to be their agency in the area of Worldwide Christian Missions
- 2 To recruit, prepare, send, and support missionaries in Africa and other parts of the world
- 3 To provide scholarships for indigenous missionaries and workers who agree to return to their homelands and serve
- 4 To establish and support stations, churches, schools, hospitals, and other related causes for Christ in areas outside Continental United States
- 5 To promote the collection of funds and other resources necessary for the work of Christian Missions
- 6 To keep the constituency informed about the objectives, needs, and accomplishments of the Department of World Missions.

Committee On Social Concerns (Supplement)

DETAILED SUPPLEMENTS

- 1 Civil Rights
 - 1 We call upon all Progressive Baptist Churches to publicly declare their welcome of all races as members and an openness in their pro-

gram of evangelism.

- 2 We call upon all pastors and members to work for the passage of effective civil rights legislation in housing, education, voting rights, public accommodations and any other areas where there is evidence of racial discrimination.
- 3 We believe this action can be taken through existing organizations such as the NAACP, S.C.L.C., the Urban League, C.O.R.E. and S.N.C.C. and should take the form of financial contributions on the local and national level, pastoral participation in efforts of negotiations and non-violent demonstrations of protests, and the formation of committees of Christian social action to involve lay participation. When there are grave issues affecting civil rights before our National Congress there should be direct testimony from the Progressive National Baptist Convention through its committee on Social Concerns
- 4 Believing this issue to be theological as well as sociological we (a) urge our pastors to initiate and participate in local conferences on Religion and Race, and interracial Baptist fellowship groups on city and statewide levels; (b) Declare open to all and invite all churches of the same faith and order into the Progressive National Baptist Convention, State and district associations, interracial understanding and fellowship in reciprocal not unilateral; (c) Call upon fellow Christians throughout this nation to use their maximum resources to bring about compliance to the Civil Rights Bill recently passed by the Congress.

11. War and Peace

Believing that warfare should give way to welfare for all peoples, your committee on Social Concerns recommends that the Progressive National Baptist Convention seek membership in the National Council of Churches in order that its Department of Inter-National Affairs might become a voice and vehicle for our aspirations for peace.

- a. The U.N. - The Progressive National Baptist Convention supports the continual membership of the U. S. in the United Nations.
- b. The Progressive National Baptist Convention supports our government in its promotion of such programs as the Alliance for financial assistance in the underdeveloped countries of the world, a sane, progressive program of world disarmament, the limitation of nuclear weapons among the nations of the world, joining other nations in contributions from the stockpiles of fissionable material to an international agency to bring nearer to reality the vision of the prophet Isaiah: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks, and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore"
- c. The Progressive Baptist Convention calls upon President Johnson to appoint qualified Negroes to the permanent mission of the U. S. to the U. N. and will urge young Negro men and women from our individual churches and colleges to train for and enter foreign diplomatic service
- d. Because of our special kinship with and concern for the Nations of Africa, the committee urges the Convention to make use of African diplomats in its annual and/or regional programs

Knowing that weapons of destruction have no regard for color, believing man was created in the image of God to live in peace with God and neighbor, and believing that God can work in His world through us for peace with freedom and justice, we call upon our pastors and church members to "think, work and pray without ceasing—for all who carry international responsibilities, for those in public office; for the conditions that make for peace; for people in their souls around the world. Keep everlastingly at it. Persist in pursuing peace, social justice and righteousness." Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.

"Peace, Man, and Nations in A Changing Community PUBLISHED BY the Department of Inter-National Affairs, National Council of Churches, 1964."

Ministerial Welfare (Supplement)

1. Salary:
 - A Salary of ministers pastoring within the confines of the Progressive Baptist Convention should be influenced by the same.
 - B Churches entering this convention should be urged to comply with certain stipulations regarding ministers welfare.
 - C Progressive Churches should be urged to pay their ministers not less than 10 per cent of its annual working budget.
- 2 Insurance:

The Convention should set up a working committee to communicate regularly with its churches for the purpose of recommending and helping to select good insurance for its ministers. This should include hospitalization, sick and accident and life.
- 3 Widows Care:

Ministers should be urged by the Convention to pay Social Security to the state in which they live, and there should be an advisory committee from the Convention to help churches organize pension plans for the surviving widows and pastors.
- 4 Retirement:

That a committee be established to study the matter of Ministers and Missionaries Retirement Plan.

POPULATION EXPLOSION

- 1 Planned Parenthood:

The Convention should set up Professional Counselling Service for not only Marriage Counselling, but also Pre-Marital Counselling.

SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

- 1 Shared School Time Program:

The Convention should use every force at its command to combat the linking of church and state. For if we are to survive a free nation we must enjoy the freedom of separation of church and state.

Report of Committee On Permanent Organization

Members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, your Committee on Permanent Organization met on Sept. 10, 1964, at 7:30 P.M. with the Chairman, Dr. Stroy Freeman, presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Dr. J. W. Booker of La.

After prayerful meditation and earnest consideration, your Committee begs leave to submit the following slate of officers for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. T. M. Chambers, L. A., Cal.
V. President at Large, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, N. Y.

Regional Vice Presidents

Southern, Dr. O. H. Stinson, Ga.
Midwestern, Dr. C. V. Johnson, Ill.
Eastern, Dr. T. R. Washington, Pa.
Southwestern, Rev. S. H. James, Texas.
Executive Secretary, Dr. L. V. Booth, Ohio.
Recording Secretary, Dr. S. S. Hodges, Ohio.
Asst. Recording Secretary, Dr. J. N. Wardlaw, Ill.
Financial Secretary, Dr. John F. Williams, Va.
Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. I. Hunter, Cal.
Treasurer, Dr. W. H. R. Powell, Pa.
Auditor, Rev. R. L. Patterson, D. C.
Statistician, Rev. J. A. Williams, Pa.
Historian, Dr. T. S. Boone, Mich.

Attorney, Mr. William T. Parker, Iowa.
Dir. of Publicity, Dr. Marshall Shepard, Pa.
Asst. Dir. of Publicity, Dr. Henry C. Nabrit, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Stroy Freeman, Chairman, Ill.
Dr. M. Ivory Jefferson, Secretary, Va.

Dr. Julius James, Ind.
Dr. W. C. Upshaw, Ohio.
Dr. I. W. Wilson, Nev.
Dr. G. W. Criss, N. Y.
Dr. James Reeder, N. J.
Dr. C. W. Jones, Ill.
Dr. J. M. Burrell, Ohio.

With reference to the Secretary of Christian Education, the Committee on Permanent Organization suggest that after a thorough study and observation of this matter, we find that there is no constitutional provision made for the Secretary of Christian Education as an office in the Convention.

We therefore further suggest that this matter be referred to the President of the Convention for his consideration and disposition.

Report of Ways And Means Committee

We, the members of the Ways and Means Committee, having been appointed by the President of this, The Progressive National Baptist Convention, do hereby and now make these recommendations to the convention as follows:

- 1 To adopt the monthly appropriation as suggested by our vice-president, Dr. Gardner Taylor.
- 2 Do not allow our pledges to be larger than we are able to carry out or fulfill.
- 3 If our churches have one treasure, place this pledge in the budget.
- 4 If the missionary money is supplemented by the spiritual boards support can easily be obtained by taking an after-offering each Sunday to raise the amount of the pledge.
- 5 That each month this pledge be sent in; thereby prevent our getting behind in our pledges.
- 6 Means to have public press and a public relations committee to see that the convention is publicized, not only at the annual session, but during the year so there will be no doubt that the public knows there is a Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Your committee
Dr. George W. Thomas, Chairman
J. Webster Green, Secretary
Dr. C. V. Johnson

Report of Committee On State Of Country

We your committee on the State of Country beg leave to make the following report. Old customs, old traditions, and mores are tumbling down. We are living in an age of economics, social, religious, and political evolution and revolution. Old things, old customs, old habits, old traditions are being done away with. The captain of our salvation is making all things new.

The Klu Klux Klan who had terrorized, brutalized and intimidated our people for nearly 100 years was augmented and supplemented 10 years ago, when the Supreme Court handed down its immortal historical, and far-reaching decision, which outlawed racial segregation in the public schools. The White Citizens Council, the John Birch Society, and a multiplicity of other murderous, barbaric, terrorizing, brutalizing and intimidating night riders, have gone on a reign of terror unprecedented in its annals of American history.

The enemies of democracy and despisers of the democratic process, exploded, raped and robbed, terrorized and intimidated hundreds of thousands of our people to prevent them from enjoying the fruits of democracy and the democratic process for which they were; on the account of their loyalty, devotion, and patriotism were so justly entitled.

They fled from the south by the hundreds of thousands in search of freedom, peace and equality in the north, east and west, which developed an unprecedented, economic, educational, and political problem in the north, east and west. There on account of the old segregation residential and religious patterns in the north, east and west, we have a defacto segregation about a living, unjustifiable and critical as it is in the south.

Economically our conditions in the north, east and west are deplorable, alarming, and tragic. In some large cities of the north as many as 250 thousand of our people on relief, which renders them as the status of serfdom, and economic and political slaves to the corrupt political machines which render them as helpless as the slaves in the south, who are slaves to their southern plantation masters.

What is being done to remedy this deplorable condition? We are happy to report that under the leadership of the National Council of Churches, the NAACP, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference under the leadership of that heroic dynamic, modern Moses, in the person of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the Student Non-violent Movement marvelous and tremendous evolution and revolutions are taking place.

The Protestant, Catholic, and Jews, who had fought each other on the streets of bigotry over Theological issue hundreds of years on this crucial racial issue, have now united against Mr. Jim Crow, segregation and discrimination.

In January 1963, the Protestant, Catholic, and Jews met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago and spent one whole week confessing their sins, acknowledging their bigotry, praying to God for forgiveness and pledging their worth, influence and their powers from now on in an unceasing effort to drive the damnable monster of Jim Crow, segregation, and discrimination from these majestic shores of America.

That meeting in Chicago in January 1963 was known as the National Conference on religion and race. They organized there to make their influence felt in every nook and corner of America in an unceasing effort to make democracy live.

As a result of their heroic, dynamic and challenging stand for human dignity and universal brotherhood - in the summer of 1963 the march on Washington was organized. On that memorable and historic occasion 150 thousand Protestant, Catholic, Jews, White and colored marched on Washington D. C., the nation's capital singing: (I quote) We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome someday. And before I would be a slave, I would be buried in my grave and go home to my Lord, and be saved. As a result of that united historic revolutionary stand the civil rights bill of 1964 was passed, which was the most revolutionary epoch making event in the 20th century, so far as the Negroes are concerned.

The civil rights program brought to light the political, contradictory, paradoxes, and reversals of the 20th century.

The Democratic Party which was born out of the wound of slavery, nurtured in the blood of segregation and grew up in the dark allies of Jim Crow and discrimination has reversed its course and become the leading advocate of freedom, justice, and equality under the leadership of that dynamic, heroic and political question mark, Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, and Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota who as far back as 1948, stood on the floor of the Democratic Convention in Philadelphia and delivered his immortal masterpiece, on Civil Rights vs. State Rights. The South revolted, walked out of the Democratic Party and organized the Dixiecrat Party under the leadership of Feldon Wright and J. Strom Thurman.

The Republican party which was born out of the wound of freedom, justice and equality which baptized this nation in human blood in search of our freedom, which put into the Constitution of this nation the 13, 14, 15 amendments, which forbade slavery and made us citizens with all of the rights, privileges and immunities of any other American citizen. They sent the best blood among them south as missionaries and educators, who as missionaries organized and built some of the leading Negro churches in the south today. Who as educators, built for us every first class college and universities we have today. Such as Howard University, Virginia Union University, Hampton Institute, Shaw University, Benedict College, Morehouse, Spellman, and Atlanta University, Fisk and Maharry and a multiplicity of others that time and space will not allow me to mention. To our eternal regret and everlasting sorrow the Republican party that had done so much for us has been kidnapped by a gang of reactionary Negro hating, Jew despising and Catholic Persecuting Impositers, under the leadership of Negro hate

become. In there are many down to democracy sisters and masters.

No 1. Barry Goldwater. It has reversed its traditional course and instead of leading the fight for freedom, justice, and equality for all, under the backward leadership of Barry Goldwater, they are fighting our aims, hopes and aspirations for freedom.

Thanks be to him that giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ that the young Negro is now breaking loose from his former master, his Uncle Toms, and Aunt Sallies and is marching out of the foxhole of bondage singing as he marches: O Freedom, O Freedom, how I love thee, before I will be a slave I will be buried in my grave and go home to my Lord and be saved. God of our weary years: God of our silent tears, Thou who brought us thus far on the way: Thou who has by thy might led us into the light, Keep us forever in thy path we pray: Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee, Lest our feet stray from the path that God our Father hath led thee, Shadowed beneath thy wing may we forever stand. True to our God, True to our Native Land.

Your committee:
L. K. Jackson, Chairman

Resolutions

"What Seek Ye?" "Where Dwelleth Thou?"
"Come and See."

On this triangle of three words each Jesus of Nazareth constructed the great system of evangelism, beginning with just three men, Andrew the brother of Simon, son of Jona, John the brother of James, son of Zebedee and Himself.

Whether it was under a tree, in the shadow of a rock, or in a mud hut, Jesus had a dwelling place, and it was one to which he was unashamed to invite strangers and prospective disciples and co-laborers.

Where is your headquarters? Or where do you live? is the first thought query about an individual or an institution.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention needs a home. Where you live is of important concern to those who seek your association. And a home needs a first-rate housekeeper for how well the home is kept betrays the industry, thrift and character of the keeper.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

- 1 That this Convention through its President shall appoint a committee of seven of its able members with plenipotentiary to seek out a building to purchase in the City of Washington, D. C., for Headquarters of the Convention in the name of the Convention.

Be It Also Resolved:

- 2 That said committee shall have the power to launch a campaign for funds with which to purchase a Headquarters building at this session of the Convention

And Be It Resolved:

- 3 That when, and if, such a building is agreed upon the President of the Convention shall be notified and he in turn shall call the Board of Directors in session to ratify the anticipated purchase.

Be It Resolved:

- 4 That the building when purchased shall be called The Baptist Founders Building, Headquarters of The Progressive National Baptist Convention.

And Finally, Be It Resolved:

- 5 That appropriate search for a person, and funds shall be sought for the payment of a full-time Executive Secretary at the earliest possible date.

E. L. Harrison
Dr. C. B. F. Hinton

Resolutions

"No man liveth unto himself," is a truth stamped with divine approval but this truth does not annihilate the difference in personalities, philosophies of life, or the distinction in point of view which divide people into separate groupings to reach similar ends. Hence we have separate churches, and separate conventions of churches which make up functioning bodies, all working with devotion and dedication to bring the Kingdom of God into the lives of men on this earth and to lead men of this earth into the heaven of God above.

As a convention seeking to build a new image of the Christ among Negro Baptists in togetherness, and striving toward a brotherhood of "Good will toward all men of good will" and in the spirit of our Lord who refused to hinder or entangle those who were casting out devils, yet not of his flock with the retort: "He that is not against us is for us." (Mark 9:40).

Therefore, In The Spirit of our Lord, Be It Resolved:

- 1 That we The Progressive National Baptist Convention shall offer fraternal Greetings of Good Will and Christian fellowship, to all other bodies of Baptists operating on a national basis for the Promotion of the Kingdom of God on earth

Be It Further Resolved:

- 2 That a telegram of Fraternal Greetings shall be sent to the National Baptist Convention, Inc., now in session in the city of Detroit, Michigan, and to the National Baptist Convention of America now in session in the city of Los Angeles, California

Be It Also Resolved:

- 3 That this Convention shall seek fraternal relations with the Southern Baptist and the American Baptist Conventions

Be It Resolved:

- 4 That this Convention shall accept with brotherly gratitude the offer made by The American Baptist Convention to match the sum of twelve hundred and fifty (\$1,250.00) dollars a year, travel allowance for our Executive Secretary, as a generous and gracious gift of aid to this new body to help nurture it to full strength and maturity.

Be It Resolved:

- 5 That this Convention shall seek to gain, cultivate, and live in an atmosphere of brotherly love and Christian helpfulness with all the above mentioned Conventions, and to exchange yearly fraternal Greetings with each of them so long as it is accepted on fraternal terms.

And Be It Resolved Finally:

- 6 That the President and Executive Secretary shall herein be given the authority to carry out the intent of these resolutions in the manner they think wise at the expense of this Convention and report to us yearly the status of relationship existing between the Progressive National Baptist Convention and our Sister Conventions.

Earl L. Harrison
L. Venchael Broth

Resolutions

We, the members of the Progressive National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., have felt the warmth and glow of an unusual hospitality this week in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. We should not be silent about the manner in which Pastors William H. Borders, Martin Luther King, Sr., Martin Luther King, Jr., E. R. Seay and many others have provided for our convenience and comfort. We should speak out to the nation about the friendship and courtesies shown us by the citizens of this southern city, both Negro and white, in their homes, hotels, churches and on the streets; the cab drivers, waitresses, waiters, bell-boys and hotel managers; the mayor of the city, police department and men and women in all walks of life of this great city have shown themselves genuinely friendly. "He that would have friends must show himself friendly." Atlanta has fulfilled this divinely approved recipe.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

- 1 That we the messengers and visitors in attendance at the Progressive National Baptist Convention do acknowledge with sincere thanks, the hospitality and services done us in a variety of ways by the citizenry of Atlanta, regardless of race, creed or station.
- 2 That we proclaim these virtues of the overwhelming majority of the people of this southern city when the minority has brought shame and disgrace upon the majority.
- 3 Finally, be it resolved that we single out Dr. William Holmes Borders and say to him, "Thank you once, thank you twice, and thank you three for inviting us to Atlanta and to the Wheat Street Baptist Church; for the church helping him to so graciously do for us more than he promised to do when we were in the city of Detroit in the 1963 session. Our entertainment has been most royal."

Respectfully submitted
E. L. Harrison, Chairman
Dr. C. B. Hinton

The General Commission On Chaplains And Armed Forces Personnel

The Reverend Dr. F. L. Harrison
Shiloh Baptist Church
1500 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Harrison:

This will inform you officially that the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., was received into membership of the General Commission at its April 15th meeting.

As soon as the minutes of the meeting are mimeographed and prepared for distribution, you will receive a copy. If there are other officials of the denomination who should be on our mailing list, please give us their names.

Our next meeting is set for October 13 and 14. If we can be helpful in any way in the meantime, let us know.

Cordially,
A. Ray Appelquist
Executive Secretary

National Layman Movement INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS

Travel Expense of the National President, Regional Meetings	
Philadelphia, Pa. Hotel 2 nights	\$ 80.00
Rail and Pullman fare round trip	80.00
Stamps and letters to the region	35.00
	\$145.00
West Palm Beach, Fla. Hotel 3 nights	\$ 45.00
Air Travel round trip	186.00
Stamps & letters	18.50
	\$249.50
St. Louis, Mo. Hotel 3 nights	\$ 45.00
Travel by Automobile	23.50
Stamps & letters	36.45
	\$111.95
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Hotel 2 nights	\$ 30.00
Rail and Pullman round trip	90.00
Stamps & letters	4.95
	\$124.95

President's Office Expense	
Stamps	\$145.00
Stationery	22.50
Secretarial expense	163.00
Telephone calls	22.00
Total Expense	\$352.50
Income Registrations	\$325.00
From Old Book	177.00
Total Income	\$502.00
Recapitulation	
Total Expenditures	\$685.40
Total Income	\$602.00
Balance (Deficit)	\$493.40

Ushers Department

The Second Annual Session of the Usher Dept. of the Progressive National was held Sept. 8-13, 1964.

At this meeting one state, one district and ten Boards were registered from six states.

Five Boards from New York City
One Board from Pennsylvania
One Board from Illinois
One Board from Michigan
One Board from New Jersey
One Board from North Carolina

The officers for 1964 are the same as 1963

Mrs. Annie M. Serrano - President
Mrs. Jannie Mitchell - Vice-president
Mrs. Norma B. Russell - Secretary
Mrs. Nannie Banks - Treasurer
Mrs. Ollie Williams - Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Irene Dotson - Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Louise Perkins - Financial Secretary

REGISTRATION OF CHURCHES - 1964

September 9-10-11, 1964, Atlanta, Georgia

Grace Baptist Church, 473 Vermont St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	\$ 15.00
First Calvary Bapt. Church, 953 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	15.00
First Baptist Church, 175 Second Ave., Bay Shore, N. Y.	15.00
Metropolitan B. C., 930 Industrial Ave., Flint, Mich.	10.00
Metro Baptist Church, 128 Seventh Ave., New York, N. Y.	15.00
Faith Tabernacle B. C., 1728 W. Montgomery Ave., Phil. 21, Pa.	15.00
Mt. Carmel B. C., 712-14 Quency St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	15.00
Mt. Pleasant M. B. C., 6814 Block Stone, Chicago, Ill.	15.00
Abyssinian B. Ch., 224 W. Kimmex St., Newark, N. J.	15.00
First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 455, Fairmont, N. C.	25.00
New York Assn. Dist.	35.00
New York State	35.00

TOTAL

\$205.00

BROUGHT FORWARD (Cash on hand from 1963)

\$106.50

Receipts (Registration fees)

205.00

From Badges

16.70

Donation to teachers

15.10

Personal enrollment

10.00

Love offering to speaker

10.00

Tag Day

119.90

Love offering

16.40

TOTAL

\$490.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Signs	\$ 6.00
Printer	42.00
Stamps	39.00
Mailing tags to church	6.75
Stationery	11.80
Ball point pen	4.00
"Thank You" cards	1.50
Stenographing	15.00
Printing of Tabs	16.50
Love offering	10.00
Love offering for president	16.43
Envelopes	6.20
Kid	12.42
Teachers	30.00
Donation to teachers	15.10
Towards president expense	75.00
Towards vice-president expense	25.00
Towards secretary expense	20.00
All officers \$15.00 each	60.00
Towards Dean Nichols	50.00
TOTAL	\$462.70

TOTAL

\$499.03

TOTAL RECEIPTS

462.70

DISBURSEMENTS

\$ 36.33

BALANCE

Report of the Moderator's Council

Twenty-six associations represented in the Moderators Council at this session and two state conventions.

Amount turned over to the Parent Body, \$1,340.00.

OFFICERS ELECTED

President	Dr. John H. Nichols (N. Y.)
Vice President-at-Large	Rev. W. V. Glover (Ala.)
Regional Vice President	Dr. Leon Davis (Ill.)
Regional Vice President	Dr. A. R. Billingly (Cal.)
Regional Vice President	Dr. J. J. Johnson (N. C.)
Regional Vice President	Dr. Victor Jacobs (Tex.)
Recording Secretary	Dr. J. M. Douglas (Va.)
Assistant Secretary	Rev. I. W. Wilson (Nev.)
Corresponding Secretary	Rev. J. F. Suggs (Ill.)
Treasurer	Rev. F. L. Porter (Ill.)
Evangelist	Rev. Matthew Thomas (Ill.)

SIDE GLANCES OF THE MODERATOR'S COUNCIL

The Annual Business session was called to order in the Moderator's chamber in the Wheat St. Baptist Church, by our president, Dr. John H. Nichols.

Opening prayer by the Rev. Y. B. Moore, after which interesting remarks were given by our president, followed by reports from several Associations delivered by moderators, or representatives present.

Report of officers was made and approved.

Operating expense submitted for the year, including the purchase of badges, salaries of the secretaries, and treasurer amounted to a total of \$131.23. By motion, an amount was turned over to the Appropriating Committee of the parent body for payment, including the president's bill.

By motion and second, the \$30.00 advanced by our president, Dr. John H. Nichols, for the 1963 Annual Session in Detroit, Mich. was refunded. (This loan was advanced by our president at the close of the 1963 Annual Session in Detroit, Mich.) NOTE: page 84, 1963 Minutes for verification.

The matter pertaining to preparing a roster of all vacant churches was

discussed, and a suggestion prevailed to the effect, that all moderators would do well to send in a list of the names of vacant churches in their associations to the recording secretary. He will enroll the same, and work toward trying to create a placement committee to work through the office of the moderator to give much needed aid in placing proper men in the vacant churches.

The discussion in regards to women preachers and pastors was given lengthy consideration. A motion prevailed, offered by Dr. J. V. Porter, seconded by Dr. I. W. Wilson, to the effect, that women preachers, or pastors, not be accepted as members of this organization. The motion was approved. Total received from Associations and conventions \$1,105.00 Total received from Churches through the M. C. 122.00 Total received from Moderator's Annual Fees 42.00 Grand Total \$1,269.00

There were sixteen churches reported through our organization. There were thirty-one Associations including conversions.

* Association

1924 Organizations Reported	Moderator, Pastor or Pres.	ADDRESS	Amount
New Fellowship*	Rev. F. L. Foster	652 E. 92nd St., Chicago, Ill.	1.00
Fellowship*	Rev. I. E. Chasley	3224 E. 95th St., Kansas City, Mo.	70.00
Placent Valley*	Rev. I. M. Wilson	1408 Marshall St., Las Vegas, Nev.	30.00
Greater New Fellowship*	Rev. F. F. Jorg	550 Ashmun Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill.	10.00
Cathay Baptist District*	Rev. Louis Johnson	17417 San Juan Dr., Detroit, Mich.	30.00
First Colored Union	Rev. W. V. Glover	614 Chey St., Montgomery, Ala.	10.00
St. John*	Rev. L. H. Kennedy	1254 W. 41st St., Los Angeles, Cal.	50.00
Progressive Washington Co.*	Rev. L. W. Williams	476 Muscadine St., Greenville, Miss.	25.00
Lumber River*	Rev. J. J. Johnson	P. O. Box 455, Fairmount, N. C.	10.00
New Era*	Rev. G. W. Orr	947 Grant Ave., New York, N. Y.	50.00
St. Louis District*	Rev. O. R. Maltum	1607 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, Mo.	10.00
Salma University	Dr. James H. Owen	Salma University, Selma, Ala.	10.00
Eastern Shore Baptist*	J. M. Douglas	P. O. Box 374, Parkley, Va. 23421	10.00
New Mt. Zion*	Rev. Thomas Jenkins	24 Glenview Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	50.00
Union District Baptist*	Rev. Leon Owee	1810 S. Kalia Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60633	20.00
New York*	Rev. John H. Nichols	953 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
New Zion*	Rev. M. C. Tiller, Sr.	2234 Gaty Ave., E. St. Louis, Mo.	50.00
Allegheny Union Baptist*	Rev. W. D. Parrott	3420 Marmitago St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	50.00
Bethlehem*	Rev. F. Q. Williams	No Address Listed	50.00
Evangelical District*	Rev. D. H. Bell	R. F. D. 5, Box 194, Cooncross, Mo.	10.00
Progressive Baptist District*	Rev. O. L. Lewis	1537 W. Mustang St., Chicago, Ill.	10.00
St. Louis District*	Rev. Floyd Corrie	2820 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo.	10.00
Progressive Baptist*	Rev. C. M. Murry	2816 S. 11th St., Newark, N. J.	10.00
Progressive State Convention	Rev. L. L. Burdett	276 W. Kenney St., Newark, N. J.	10.00
Zion District*	Rev. S. Jones	702 Academy St., Winona	10.00
St. John Baptist	Rev. C. J. Cooper	G. F. D. 1, Leavenworth, Mo.	10.00
Carrollton Union*	Rev. S. M. Lambert	R. F. D. 5, Franklin, Ga.	10.00
Oakley River*	Rev. T. B. Moore	R. F. D. 1, Box 56, Ensey, S. C.	20.00
Inter State General	Rev. Verley Jacobs	733 Granville St., Houston, Tex. 77010	50.00
Baptist Convention, D. C. Vic.	Rev. Raymond Babersga	3118 Wader St. N. W., Washington, D. C.	100.00
Baptist Fellowship*	Rev. C. T. Rodgers	232 E. 87th St., Chicago, Ill.	10.00
		TOTAL	\$1,954.00

Victory Temple	Rev. James McNeill	78 Grafton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
St. Stephen	Rev. F. L. Foster	650 E. 92nd St., Chicago, Ill.	10.00
Metropolitan Baptist	Rev. I. M. Douglas	P. O. Box 274, Parkley, Va. 23421	20.00
Wayside	Rev. Theodore Hetherington	124 Hopkins Ave., Brooklyn 30, N. Y.	10.00
First Calvary	Rev. John H. Nichols	1472 Carroll St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
Bethel	Rev. W. F. Hall	1257 Prospect St., Brooklyn 12, N. Y.	10.00
Concord	Rev. Marshall E. Silver	101 W. Franklin St., Baltimore 23, Md.	10.00
Nazarene	Rev. W. D. Porter	2420 Mainville St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	10.00
New Castle		155 Quaker St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
The Cross Road	Rev. James Gossen	125 Union Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
Grace	Rev. Jacob Underwood	473 Vauxmont St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
Mt. Olive	Rev. Alexander Wilkins	351 A Quaker St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
Garbancan	Rev. Tony Chanyfield	2108 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
Bethesda	Rev. G. W. Groggs	1814 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00

Rev. Thomas Jenkins	24 Glenview Ave., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	15.00
Rev. J. M. Douglas	612 Dean St., Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
	TOTAL	\$ 25.00
	Total from Assoc. & Conventions	1,105.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$1,340.00

Total Received	\$1,382.00
1924 Balance	100.00
Grand Total Cash	\$1,482.00
According to record, transferred to Parent Body	1,340.00
	142.00
Refunded to Dr. Nichols for Badges & Loan	40.00
Balance	\$ 94.00

By motion and second, all present active officers were recommended for re-election, and suggestive changes be placed on record and the same be turned over to the proper committee of the parent body.

Dr. John H. Nichols, President
Dr. J. M. Douglas, Recording Secretary

**DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES ENROLLED IN THE
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MINISTER	CHURCH	ADDRESS
CHATMAN, REV S J.	St. Peter	770 Lake St., Troy
GLAZE, REV C C.	St. Peter	508 - 16th St., Birmingham
GLOVER, REV W V	Rev. Vincent	214 Clay St., Montgomery
GLOVER, REV W V	St. Peter	674 Clay St., Montgomery
HAWKINS, REV H J	Trinity	Box 45, Rte. E., Evergreen
HAWKINS, REV H J	Trinity	Box 45, Rte. E., Evergreen
HAYES, REV J A	Trinity	419 - 11 Court W., Birmingham
HEPBING, REV OSCAR W	Trinity	1323 W. 22nd St., Anniston
MOORE, REV W L	Trinity	362 Fagundes St., Andalusia
MOORE, REV W L	Trinity	302 Fagundes St., Andalusia
JOSEPH, REV W M	Trinity	302 Fagundes St., Andalusia
PATTON, REV W M	Trinity	301 - 8th Ave. W., Birmingham
ROBINSON, REV W M	Trinity	Box 5, Box 643, Montgomery
ROBERTS, REV T. T.	Trinity	76 Harris St., Attalla
SHEPARD, REV E C	Trinity	3621 9th St., Tuscaloosa
SHEPARD, REV E C	Trinity	Box F, Box 74, Evergreen
STONES, REV J H	Trinity	317 N. Park St., Sapelo
SMITH, REV J. S.	Trinity	113 - 6th St., N., Birmingham
SMITH, REV W M	Trinity	317 - 11th Court, N., Birmingham
SMITH, REV W M	Trinity	903 - 10th Ave. S., Birmingham
SMITH, REV W M	Trinity	1400 Dudley Ave., Anniston
SMITH, REV W M	Trinity	401 Montgomery St., Mobile
SMITH, REV W M	Trinity	P. O. Box 354, Milledgeville
SMITH, REV W M	Trinity	801 N. 3rd St., Arden
SMITH, REV W M	Trinity	Box 125, Seale

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PERSONAL		
ALFORD, REV W S	First Baptist	700 N. 10th St., Fargo
DAMES, REV. A I		Canby St., Marjona
ROSS, REV JOHN H	18th Street	1500 6th Ave., N., Birmingham
EDWARDS, REV V A	Twelve Apostles Institute	Twelve Apostles Institute
EDWARDS, REV V A	Twelve Apostles Institute	12th St., Twelve Apostles Institute
HOLLAND, REV O W	Shady Grove	1015 N. 6th St., Birmingham
McHEAT, REV J W	Greenland	Pr. C. Box 55, Evergreen
MCMURRAY, REV J H		Evangel

CALIFORNIA

KILGORE, REV A B	Mr. Meeman	7383 W 132nd St., Los Angeles
CHAMBERS, DR T M	Jane Hall	5075 Metkyle Ave., Los Angeles
CHAMBERS, REV M B	Norm Grewter Harrest	5489 S Western Ave., Los Angeles
CHARLES, REV W H	Mr. Simel	3200 W Adams, Los Angeles
EVANS, REV JAMES E	Matagolison	4290 Harper Ave., Los Angeles
KILGORE, REV THOMAS M	Rob Regard	7424 St & Griffin, Los Angeles
MIDLER, REV A	Rev Mr. Olive	9408 Compton, Los Angeles
PIERCE, REV J H	Chambers	1755 Olivewood St., San Francisco
SUTTON, REV J S	7th Avenue	1740 7th Ave., Oakland
WILLIS, DR J B	St. Andrew	1545 ...

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CHURCH	ADDRESS
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PERSONAL

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CONNECTICUT

ENTERED, NEW YORK	Greater Faith Tabernacle 27 Orchard St., New York	15.00
RECEIVED, NEW YORK	Faith Tabernacle (Ct. 434th St. & Grayrock Place, New York	20.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ALLER, REV. M. A.	First Baptist of Duane Street	1081 - 45th St., M. E., Washington	52.00
BAKER, REV. W. C.	Episc. Rect.	3740 Manassas, M. E., Washington	35.00
BARTER, REV. E. L.	St. Catharine	801 N. Caroline, S. E., Washington	35.00
BELL, REV. LESTER	St. Pilgrim	1713 R. St., M. W., Washington	25.00
BONE, REV. J. J.	Stetheds	1800 Capital Ave., H. E., Washington	18.00
BRACE, REV. J. J.	Stetheds	2438 Nichols Ave., S. E., Washington	18.00
CLARK, REV. A. L.	Stetheds	4520 Conly Pl., H. E., Washington	15.00
CLARK, REV. W. E.	Stetheds	1739 - 7th St., M. W., Washington	15.00
CLARK, REV. C. W.	Pilgrim	708 "Eye" St., M. E., Washington	35.00
HARRISON, DR. C. L.	Stetheds	1900-B - 5th St., M. W., Washington	274.75
HACKETT, REV. M. G.	Purity	1355 Maryland Ave., N. E., Washington	35.00
HENDER, REV. J. J.	Stetheds	1300 - 10th St., M. W., Washington	115.00
JONES, REV. A.	Jocutans	26th & P St., H. W., Washington	30.00
KIMBLE, REV. A.	Paramount	722 First St., N. W., Washington	15.00
KIMBLE, REV. I. A.	St. Mary's	3904 Kansas Ave., N. W., Washington	10.00
KLUG, REV. E. E.	St. Paul	2520 - 17th St., N. E., Washington	15.00
PATTERSON, REV. B. L.	St. Carmel	3rd & I Sts., M. W., Washington	182.35
PARSON, REV. W. P.	How My Calvary	418 Shiley Rd., N. E., Washington	10.00
ROBINSON, REV. W. P.	Jewel	432 - 11th St., N. E., Washington	25.00
ROBERT, REV. B. D.	Isle of Palmes	1519 Tow St., N. W., Washington	31.00
ROBERTS, REV. M. L.	Florida Avenue	423 Florida Ave., H. W., Washington	25.00
SMITH, REV. E. C.	Metropolitan	1025 R St., M. W., Washington	50.00
SMITH, REV. H. C.	Walker Memorial	2020 - 13th St., M. W., Washington	25.00
SMITHSON, REV. E. D.	Episcoper	44 Que St., N. W., Washington	15.00
WASHINGTON, REV. C. L.	Tabernacle	719 Olition Ave., N. E., Washington	15.00
WHEAT, REV. L. W.	St. Bethel	1915 First St., M. W., Washington	35.00

PERSONAL

MUGHES, REV D I	3420 . 25th St., S. E., Washington	\$5.00
MURRAY, REV L I	816 G. St., N. E., Washington	10.00
JONES, REV J E	Gethsemane 614 Overda St., N. E., Washington	\$5.00

FLORIDA

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	PRICE	
ALFORD, REV. L. J.	Osbourne	1272	4th St., W. Palm Beach	48.00
DOMMER, REV. D. W.	New Bethel	911	9th St., W. Palm Beach	25.00
FINLEY, REV. EMILIO	2nd Bethel	506	16th St., S., St. Petersburg	25.00
FINLEY, REV. L.	Union	714	27th St., W. Palm Beach	15.00
FRANKS, REV. R.	Glenview Mt. Olive	214	N. W. 2nd St., Fortay Beach	15.00
GAFFNEY, REV. C.	St. John Baptist	423	N. W. 2nd St., Daytona Beach	10.00
LEE, REV. R. M.	St. John Baptist	8	N. 12th Ave., Daytona Beach	10.00
MCLELLAND, REV. J. H.	1st Baptist	81	St. Francis St., St. Augustine	10.00
MAHONEY, REV. W. H.	McCalary	943	Alymer St., Oklawaha Beach	15.00
YOUNG, REV. W. F.	Indefatigable	983	E. Main St., Jacksonville	10.00

PERSONAL

WVLS. REP. & (11/10/82)	4443 Lockhart Bldg., Jacksonville	5.00
St John Baptist	1001-7 Carmichael Ave., W. Palm Beach	5.00
Magnolia	902 E. Union St., Jacksonville	5.00
Greater Friendship	239 Cypress St., Daytona Beach	5.00

GEORGIA

ARMSTRONG, REV. J.	West Hunter St.	775	Hunter St., N. W., Atlanta	180 00
BAKER, REV. J.	Ht. Vernon	441	Hunter St., N. W., Atlanta	18 00
BODDIE, DR. W.	White St.	350	Auburn Ave., N. E., Atlanta	100 00
CHAMBERS, REV.	Unionville	2135	Adams Ave., Macon	25 00
COCKE, REV. W.	Ht. Marion	180	Ash St., S. W., Atlanta	18 00

CHURCH	MINISTER	ADDRESS	
KENTUCKY			
BEVERLY, REV. J. S.	First Baptist	178 W. 9th St., Paris	10
BOTTOMS, REV. E. W.	Green Street	519 E. Gray St., Louisville	10
BROWN, REV. W. R.	Fourth Street	917 W. 4th St., Owensboro	10
CHURCH, REV. C. H.	New Hope	279 N. 4th St., Richmond	10
FRANKLIN, REV. H. J.	Washington St.	271 Washington St., Paducah	10
GREEN, REV. H. F.	First Street	814 E. First St., Hopkinsville	10
HARRIS, REV. A. N.	Parkridge	3225 Duane St., Louisville	10
HODGE, REV. W. J.	Fifth Street	1901 W. Jefferson, Louisville	10
JONES, REV. W. A.	Prospect Green	1510 East Ave., Louisville	10
JOSEPH, REV. JEFFERY	Marion Memorial	209 S. Virginia St., Hopkinsville	10
LESLIE, REV. A. P.	Virginia Street	100 Clinton Street, Frankfort	10
MOORE, REV. E. L.	First Baptist	344 E. Short Street, Lexington	10
MUTTER, REV. H. E.	First Baptist	1215-17 W. Chestnut, Louisville	10
DEFOUR, REV. G. K.	West Chestnut St.	2714 Walnut St., Louisville	10
ROBINSON, REV. S. J.	Golding Star	274 W. Broadway St., Harrodsburg	10
SMITH, REV. J. J.	First Baptist	102 N. Central Ave., Nicholasville	10
THOMPSON, DR. C. W.	First Baptist		10
FELLOWSHIP			
LASLEY, REV. A. B.	Kentucky Fellowship	209 S. Virginia St., Hopkinsville	10
LOUISIANA			
BOOKER, REV. J. W.	Dak Ridge	Box 291, Hodge	10
DOONES, REV. T. T.	Galilee	Hodge	10
BAWMS, REV. W. L.	Orange Hill	Box 987, Monroe	10
FELLOWSHIP			
BOOKER, REV. J. W.	Louisiana Fellowship	Box 291, Hodge	10
PERSONAL			
BURNSTINE, REV. W. L.	New Light	E. 5th St., Natchitoches	10
MARYLAND			
SILVER, REV. W. R.	Concord	901 W. Franklin St., Baltimore	10
WATKINS, REV. P. A. III	First Baptist	4003 Waller Road, H. Eppeswood	10
TAYLOR, REV. W. T.	First Baptist	111 Geneva Ave., Takoma Park	10
PERSONAL			
HENDERSON, REV. J. R.		3505 Coplay Rd. % Rev. Baxter Matthews, Baltimore	10
HENDERSON, MRS. J. B.		3505 Coplay Rd. % Rev. Baxter Matthews, Baltimore	10
MASSACHUSETTS			
ADAMS, REV. C. G.	Eastwood	190 Warren Ave., Boston	10
MICHIGAN			
JAMES, REV. A. A.	2nd Baptist	641 Monroe Ave., Detroit	10
RISHOP, REV. W. J.	Central Institutional	2120 Buchanan St., Detroit	10
RODNEY, DR. T. S.	King Solomon	6125 14th St., Detroit	10
ROSE, REV. I. JUAN	The Calvary Baptist	1330 Joseph Campus, Detroit	10
COLMAN, REV. H. H.	Greater Moravian	4700 Mack Ave., Detroit	10
FRIT, REV. JACK B.		2251 Longfellow, Detroit	10
FORBES, DR. S. D.	Mt. Pleasant	1939 Industrial Ave., Flint	10
GATLIN, REV. J. H.	Mt. Calvary	2703 E. Harper Ave., Detroit	10
HILL, REV. CHARLES A.	Hartford Avenue	6300 Hartford Ave., Detroit	10
JOHNSON, REV. I. H.	Greater Middle	21306 Woodward Ave., Farmdale	10
JOHNSON, REV. J. E.	Friendship	3400 Reunion Ave., Detroit	10
KING, REV. J. E.	Central Temple	321 E. Bathurst St., Detroit	10
KANE, REV. JOSEPH S.	King Solomon	6125 14th St., Detroit	10
MILTON, REV. W. D.	New Grace	92 E. Forest, Detroit	10
RANDALL, DR. B. W.	Mt. Baulth	20056 Cherrystone, Detroit	10
TALLEY, DR. E. E.	New Light	5540 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit	10

CHURCH	MINISTER	ADDRESS	
FELLOWSHIP			
HILL, REV. C. A.	Progressive Fellowship	6300 Hartland Ave., Detroit	100.00
PERSONAL			
GREEN, REV. J. F.		704 Tennessee, Detroit	5.00
MISSISSIPPI			
ALEXANDER, REV. A. C.	Morning Star	Box 564, Rosedale	10.00
ANDERSON, REV. J. E.	Faith Tabernacle	501 Ashland St., Hattiesburg	10.00
CHERRY, REV. M. C.	Woodbine	Box 133, Natchez	10.00
CHERRY, REV. M. C.	Travellers Home	Box 133, Natchez	10.00
CHERRY, REV. M. C.	Mt. Zion	423 Redbud St., Oceanville	10.00
CHERRY, REV. J. A.	St. Mark	111 Wilson St., Oceanville	10.00
CHERRY, REV. J. A.	Friendship	122 North St., Oceanville	10.00
CHERRY, REV. J. A.	Peace Haven	149 S. Parish St., Jackson	10.00
CHERRY, REV. J. A.	Hyde Park	1041 Woodson Wilson Drive, Jackson	10.00
CHERRY, REV. J. A.	St. Peter	412 N. Myrtle St., Oceanville	10.00
CHERRY, REV. J. A.	New Morning Star	721 Tenth St., Oceanville	10.00
CHERRY, REV. J. A.	First Baptist	443 Redbud St., Oceanville	10.00
ASSOCIATION			
JOHN, REV. J.	First District	702 S. Academy St., Winona	15.00
CONVENTION			
JOHN, REV. J.	Progressive Baptist Home	428 McKinley St., Hattiesburg	300.00
MISSOURI			
ABEL, REV. EARL	Reformation	5317 Ashwood, Kansas City	10.00
ADAMS, REV. W. E.	Reformation	1811 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis	10.00
CHAPPELLE, REV. E. F.	2nd Baptist	29th & Monroe, Kansas City	10.00
HILLMAN, REV. D. R.	New Jerusalem	1405 W. Grand Blvd., St. Louis	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Reformation	1301 E. 10th, Kansas City	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Mt. Pleasant	2124 Olive, Kansas City	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	All Nations	2300% E. 23rd St., Kansas City	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Reformation	1817 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Reformation	1817 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Reformation	4714 E. 23rd St., Kansas City	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	New Haven	2300 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Reformation	Highway & Ridge, St. Louis	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Christ Pilgrim Rest	3185 Ball Ave., St. Louis	10.00
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Mt. Zion	5332 Bellefontaine Ave., Kansas City	10.00
ASSOCIATION			
GARTER, REV. F. OTTO	Mt. Zion District	3820 Page Blvd., St. Louis	10.00
NEVADA			
JOHN, REV. J. E.	Bethel	400 Avenue, Las Vegas	10.00
NEW JERSEY			
BOWDIE, REV. J. J.	First Baptist	7 Butler St., Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Shiloh	315 Garden St., Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Shiloh	1110 W. 4th St., Plainfield	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	New Hope	206 Main Street, Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Bethel	117 S. Orange Ave., Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Union Temple	303 N. Penn Ave., Newark City	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Greater Bethel	116 Christie St., Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Second Baptist	150 Atkins Ave., Newark Park	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Baptist Temple	910 First Street, Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Abyssinian	210 W. Kenney St., Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	London	5th & Mt. Pleasant St., Newark	10.00
BRADY, REV. W. M.	Mt. Zion	11 Union Street, Salem	10.00
ASSOCIATION			
MURRAY, REV. J. J.	Progressive Baptist	716 S. 11th St., Newark	10.00

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MISSOURI			
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Ebenezer Baptist Church
407 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia
Co-Pastors: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr.,
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Theme: "Christian Progress Through Faith and Courage." Hebrews 11:1

8 A.M. to 8:20 A.M. was the period of "THE MINISTRY OF LISTENING." Mrs. Drucillar Fordham, guide. This period was followed by an organ prelude of the great hymns of the church.

8:30 A.M.—President Arbouin came forward and made appropriate remarks regarding the Ministry of Listening, giving praises to God from whom all blessings flow.

Mrs. Edna Upshaw, chairman of LEADERSHIP TRAINING UNIT, presented Dr. Rose Butler Brown, who taught, "UNDERSTANDING ADULTS." Dr. Brown emphasized the outstanding attributes given to man and called upon us to examine ourselves in six areas, if we would be effective leaders of adults.

Conversion, Church Membership, Worship, Knowledge of the Bible, Understanding Others and, A Vital Religious Experience.

SPIRITUAL LIFE MOMENTS were led by Mrs. Josephine Welsh, a spiritual dynamic person, who established the correct mood for worship by emphasizing, "Spiritual Renewal in a Day of Uncertainty" and "The Power of Faith."

President Arbouin graciously commended the LEADERSHIP TRAINING UNIT and the SPIRITUAL LIFE UNIT for preparing, informing and inspiring us.

At the hour of official opening, President Arbouin presented a great woman leader, Mrs. Elsie Brown of Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, who presented the President a gavel made of ivory as a token of the esteem she held for our great leader.

With the sound of the ivory gavel, the President declared the 1964 Annual Session open for official business.

ORGANIZATION OF THE AUXILIARY. Vice President Edna Moten, Presiding. Mrs. Moten asked for prayer for strength for her task.

Delegates seated were from the following states: Alabama, California, Nevada, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. AREA RESIDENTS: Mrs. L. A. Lambert, Western Region; Mrs. Jennie E. Hall, Eastern Region; and Mrs. Laura B. Conner, Southern Region.

The reading of the program was omitted and delegates were asked to refer to their copies. A vote to adopt the program was made and accepted. National Officers, Area Presidents, State and District Presidents, Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of Units were formally presented.

President Arbouin asked those who had not attended the Convention before to sign the Pink Sheet, which guides in making appointments. We were led in singing "HEAR THE CALL" written by Miss Esther Fishburn, who was presented at this time.

The following persons were asked to serve on the Nominating Unit: Mesdames Annie Fillmore, N. C.; Henrietta Johnson, Ala.; L. A. Lambert, Ala.; Laura Conner, Fla.; Jennie Hall, D. C. and Marion Goady, California.

WELCOME PROGRAM. Mrs. William Borders, presiding, assisted by Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. and Mrs. Esther Smith. Impressive greetings were given by prominent women of Atlanta—Response, Mrs. T. M. Chamberlain.

OPENING SERMON. The Rev. E. T. Lewis, Pastor, Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. Lewis was presented by President Arbouin. The text was from Romans 8:37—Subject, "Conquer Plus." It was a powerful message. We left the Sanctuary singing, "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The SPIRITUAL LIFE UNIT continued its reflection on the Power of Faith.

Accent on the Theme, "CHRISTIAN PROGRESS THROUGH FAITH AND COURAGE." Mrs. Beatrice Bynum, Mrs. Bynum stated that she was one of the thirty-three original voters for the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Faith was described as taking chances on something you are not sure of. She stressed the necessity of progress on all levels, beginning at the church, then to the Districts, Associations, State and National. Mrs. Bynum's message was instructive and stimulating. Song, "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go."

Mrs. Elsie Brown from Monrovia, Liberia, W. Africa, was presented by the President who stated that she was one of the Vice Presidents of the World Alliance. Mrs. Brown spoke of the striving of her people who are trying to lift the cross high for Jesus. Offering received for Mrs. Brown, \$100.56.

8:30 P.M.—For opening, the song for Justice was sung, written by the late Dr. Nannie H. Burroughs. The President made it possible for people in the audience to speak. A Mrs. Essie Arlington, Sumpter, S. C. asked to read a poem written by Dr. Burroughs. Permission granted. Mrs. Arlington came forward and read excerpts from Dr. Burroughs' First Annual Message delivered in California in 1949. Continuing this informal hour, Mrs. Flora Smith from Birmingham, Ala., gave a vivid story of her march for freedom and her experience in jail. We sang, "WE SHALL OVERCOME SOME DAY."

The speaker, Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, Pastor, West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Secretary-Treasurer Southern Christian Leadership Conference was presented by President Arbouin. Dr. Abernathy extended greetings from the Conference and expressed appreciation for our support of the work. He stated, "We have not arrived but we are on our way." His Subject, "The Imperishable Dream." Text - Gen. 37:18-20. He said life was a series of dreams. No Dreams - No Progress. All of Progress represents someone's dream. This was a stirring message for freedom that touched our hearts. Beginning with our beloved President Arbouin, who made an appeal for the cause with the first \$20.00 and asked others to do likewise. The response was great. Offering received \$409.00. President Arbouin suggested we make it \$500.00 from the treasury. Suggestion approved.

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr., closed this hour by singing three selections. Witness arranged by Hall Johnson; "Lord, I Can't Turn Back," arranged by Robert Williams and "On My Journey," by Hall Johnson.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

This Session was held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 137 Boulevard. Rev. E. R. Searcy, Pastor.

7 P.M.—Spiritual Life Moments were built around great hymns of faith. The history of that great hymn "Abide With Me" was given by Miss Violet Ankrum.

7:30 P.M.—Mrs. Eliza Duckworth, President of the N. Y. State Progressive Convention presented Mrs. Beulah Brent, National Treasurer, Women's Auxiliary for an inspiring and challenging address on being a witness to the dawn of day, a witness to the dawn of this great convention, and finally a witness to the dawn of a new day in her life when Christ took over.

8:30 P.M.—We moved to the lower auditorium to witness a Pageant "THE CHRISTIAN'S LIBRARY" written and directed by Mrs. Mariellen Lofton. This was a beautiful demonstration portraying the earnest quest for Biblical knowledge from countries around the world.

Remarks from Rev. E. L. Harrison, Washington, D. C. President Arbouin thanked the Pageantry & Drama Unit for their hard work on the Pageant. We adjourned to meet Thursday Morning at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

THURSDAY MORNING

8 A.M.—"The Ministry of Listening" seemed to have deepened, for many filed into the Sanctuary to hear God speak in silence. The Leadership Training Unit, "The Torch of Knowledge," was beautifully demonstrated by its members, each holding a flaming torch, indicative of the torch of knowledge that we are to keep burning around the world. Unit Leader Upshaw admonished that we are commissioned for world missions and that proxy could never be a substitute.

Time furnished by the Spiritual Life Unit permitted Unit Chairmen to conduct workshop with their members.

VIGNETTE PERIOD

Good Church Music for morning worship in the average church was demonstrated by the Music Unit.

Dr. Cromwell of the Foreign Mission Bureau presented his son, Michael, from Nigeria who thanked the Convention for help given to his people in Africa. Vignettes continued by the Nannie H. Burroughs Unit and the Temperance Unit.

Greetings from Mrs. Ruby Boone, who spoke about her husband's book on Negro Baptists. Song — "HEAR THE CALL."
12:00 Noon — Vice President, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor presented Dr. Benjamin E. Mays for the Educational Address. Topic: "Danger Signals and Challenges of a Desegregated Society," a stirring message that entreated us never to be satisfied to accept subordinate roles. He spoke of the Civil Rights legislation of 1964; the boycott, Montgomery, Alabama, 1955.

Remarks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. Dr. King had nothing but praise and appreciation for Dr. Mays and the contribution he is making in the field of Education. He also related some of their experiences as parents of a world renown son, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Spiritual Life Moments: Mrs. Josephine Welsh, presiding. Meditation on the theme was given by Miss Violet Ankrum.

2:15 P.M. — Presiding Officer and Vice President Minnie L. Bruce presented the Executive Secretary, Dr. L. V. Booth to present the President, Dr. Arbouin for her Second Annual Address. Dr. Arbouin's Address was under the caption, "THEY THAT WERE READY." This was indeed a breath-taking message. A Progress Report that was revealing and challenging.

Mrs. L. A. Lambert of Illinois made a motion that this address be accepted and become a part of the records of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. This motion was seconded by Mrs. A. B. Robinson. Motion carried. Remarks commending the message by Mrs. A. K. Johnson, Illinois; Mrs. Eliza Duckworth, and others. "Excellent delivery and poise." Mrs. Johnson thinks deep, leads well. Mrs. Duckworth, President of the N. Y. Convention "A great challenge." Mrs. Martha Graham, Philadelphia. "Thanks for the informative and Spiritual Message." Rev. C. L. Arbouin.

Gifts were given to the official staff by the New Era Convention of Georgia. Mrs. Zetta Byrd, President.

THURSDAY EVENING

6:00 P.M. — Historic Freedom Social at the Wheat Street Baptist Church, Mrs. Lena L. Franklin, Chairman, Mrs. Ernestine Elridge, Co-Chairman.

8:00 P.M. — The Third Annual Message of the President, Dr. T. M. Chambers followed at the Wheat Street Baptist Church, Dr. William Holmes Borders, Pastor. Women Adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING

8:00 A.M. — The Ministry of Listening was described by President Arbouin as Spiritual Therapy.

8:30 A.M. — Leadership Unit presented Mrs. Jennie Hall, who gave some basic principles of Parliamentary Laws. Mrs. Hall was also asked by the President to teach us the reasons why we are Baptists.

10:00 A.M. — Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr., presented Dr. Lynette Saine, Professor, School of Education, Atlanta University, Director of the Youth Department, New Era Convention of Georgia who spoke on the "Militant, The Oppressed, The Outcast." The big question is Man, what are you going to do? You can't scheme through these things. One must work if you would have Progress, Faith and Courage.

10:30 A.M. — Excellent Vignettes were presented by the following Units: Evangelism, Mrs. Drucillar Fordham, Chairman; Ministers' Wives, Mrs. L. A. Lambert, Chairman; Life Membership, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Chairman; Home & Family Life, Mrs. Eliza Duckworth, Chairman; Home Mission, Mrs. Annie L. Fillmore, Chairman.

Social Change & Moral Reforms, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Chairman; Health Services, Mrs. Jeraldine Ferrell, Chairman.

12:00 P.M. — Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Chairman of Social Change & Moral Reform Unit presented our guest, Miss Jean Lucky, from the American Baptist Convention, Director Community Witness Program who brought greetings from the American Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board. Miss Lucky expressed the desire of the Convention to find ways to share the fellowship with fellow Christians working together for the equality of all people. The most effective witness is the person to person contact. To build a bridge of understanding it must be a two-way street. Activities to be shared across the racial lines. Remarks: Mrs. Eddie R. Stinson. Mrs. Stinson stated that better things were happening in Georgia and all over the South and especially in the smaller towns.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2:00 P.M. — Spiritual Life Moments "The Power of Faith"

2:30 P.M. — Vignettes continued

Associate Members — Mrs. Margaret Smith, Chairman; Clerical Unit, Mrs. Lilly Christy, Chairman; Mass Media, Dr. Rose Butler Brown, Chairman.

4:00 P.M. — Nannie Helen Burroughs Memorial Period — Mrs. Geneva Haugabrooks, Chairman; Mrs. Artie G. Nelson, Co-Chairman. An offering of \$50.35 was received toward a monument to Dr. Nannie H. Burroughs.

4:30 P.M. — President Arbouin presented Dr. Deborah P. Wolfe. On leave of Professorship at Queens College, New York, for an address. Miss Wolfe spoke on Four Areas of the Theme "Progress Through Faith and Courage." The speaker received a tremendous ovation for her masterly deliverance and informative address.

FRIDAY EVENING

Sing-inspiration guided by Mrs. Roena Yancy Cook and Mrs. C. C. Mann.

7:30 P.M. — Young People's Hour — Mrs. Hazel B. Nelson, National Youth Director, Panel "THE CHALLENGE OF INTEGRATION" was presented by the Young People from across the country. The Young People's Department was formally organized. Officers were installed by President Arbouin.

SATURDAY MORNING

8:00 A.M. — The Ministry of Listening followed by Organ and Piano Prelude of the great Hymns of the church.

8:30 A.M. — The Leadership Training Unit guided by Mrs. Upshaw presented the required tools for successful teaching (Posters, Bulletins, Charts, Illustrations, etc.). The eighteen articles of Faith were given by Mrs. Jennie Hall. Chairman Upshaw stated that the women in attendance last year and this year will receive credit for courses taken. Books used were, My Christian Belief and "Personal Christian Living." Reading of the Journal — Mrs. Lillie A. Haynes. Journal approved with necessary corrections.

REPORTS: Area Presidents

Mid-Western Region — Mrs. L. A. Lambert, Illinois; Southern Region — Mrs. Laura B. Conner, Florida; Eastern Region — Mrs. Jennie E. Hall, Washington, D. C. Words of commendation were given to the Area Presidents for a job well done by President Arbouin.

The following State Presidents or their representatives were recognized: Mrs. Theresa Wright, Illinois; Mrs. Marion Guady, California; Mrs. F. M. Porcetti, Pennsylvania; Mrs. L. A. Haynes, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Eliza Duckworth, New York; Mrs. P. Ward, Washington, D. C.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. Mrs. Jean Booze:

Through the year, Progress has been our goal and will continue to be by the help of God. As your Corresponding Secretary, I have endeavored to make myself available for all the correspondence delegated to me by the President. Please pray for me and my family, which has shared with me the necessary privations which this position necessarily entails. I thank you for the honor conferred upon me and pledge to you my constant loyalty.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING UNIT.

It was moved by Mrs. Essie Rivers of California and seconded by Mrs. Irene Walker and Mrs. E. M. Perceth of Pa. that the present officers be retained for another year. Motion carried. Mrs. Julia Pate Borders installed the officers with impressive ceremony, demanding a pledge from the delegates that they would support the officers elected. Mrs. Borders and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. were added to the Board.

Financial Report submitted by Mrs. Rose Lewis, Financial Secretary and Mrs. Beulah Brent, Treasurer is attached to end of this minute.

Recognition of District Presidents: Mrs. Ida B. Hamilton, Illinois; Mrs. Willie Mae Lewis, Bethlehem District, Chicago, Illinois; Progressive Baptist District, Illinois; Mrs. Elnora Andrews, Metropolitan District, California. Closing remarks and Benediction by Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. Adjournment "God be with you till we meet again."

Respectfully submitted,

Lillie A. Haynes, Recording Secretary

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RECEIPTS

REGISTRATIONS		
Annual Members	\$ 497.00	\$3,374.00
Associate Members	66.00	
Association and Districts	332.00	
Missionary Societies	1,869.00	
State Conventions	550.00	

UNITS (2B)		3,963.76
OFFERINGS		\$66.15

Sa. Christian Leadership Conference	\$ 408.00
Mrs. Elsie Brown, Missionary of Africa	100.56
Mr. Francis, Blind Musician	55.75
Donation Mrs. Lillian Champion	2.50

REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS		117.00
Southern, Mrs. L. B. Conner	85.05	
Western, Mrs. L. A. Lambert	32.00	

Total Receipts	\$8,021.44
Brought forward Sept. 1, 1964	478.19

Grand total	\$8,499.63
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DISBURSEMENTS

Queens Union Press, Life Membership	\$ 15.75
Certificates	3.00
Mrs. M. L. King, Indoor Sign of Convention Theme	
Ebenezer Baptist Church Convention	300.00
Headquarters	

UNIT CHAIRMEN (Expense & Honorarium)

Associate, Mrs. Margaret Smith	\$ 13.10	\$ 15.00
Expense	1.90	
Supplement		

Mrs. Irene Moore, Exhibits and Shipping		17.80
Leadership Training, Mrs. Irma Upshaw		100.00
Expense	50.00	
Honorarium	50.00	

Mass Media, Dr. Rose B. Brown		25.00
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Ministers' Wives, Mrs. L. A. Lambert		22.00
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Expense		116.00
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Pageantry and Drama, Mrs. Mariellen Lofton		
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Expense	\$1.00	
Honorarium	25.00	

Spiritual Life, Mrs. Josephine Welsh		125.00
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Expense	65.00	
Honorarium	60.00	

Youth Director, Mrs. Hazel B. Nelson		104.25
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Unit Expense	22.25	
Personal Expense	82.00	

Music		315.00
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Mrs. Roena Y. Cook		160.00
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Expense	\$64.93	
Honorarium	95.07	

Mrs. C. C. Mann, Honorarium and Expense		125.00
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Mrs. Martha Graham, Donation		10.00
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Mrs. Beatrice McCalpin, Donation		10.00
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Mrs. Gladys Parker, Donation		10.00
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Clerical Unit (Services)		150.00
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Mrs. Lillie Christie, Chairman		50.00
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Mrs. Helen Dixon		25.00
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Mrs. Martha Nichols		25.00
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Mrs. Bea Williams		25.00
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Mrs. Esther Fishburn		25.00
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ADMINISTRATION		375.00
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Mrs. Esther Fishburn, Assistant, one year		175.00
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Mrs. Cenovia Shelton, one year		75.00
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Mrs. Bea Williams, one year		125.00
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OFFICERS EXPENSE		\$1,842.02
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Mrs. Uwee Mmodana Arbouin, President		\$104.26
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Transportation to Atlanta, Ga.		
No honorarium given to President		150.00

Mrs. Minnie L. Bruce, 1st Vice President		
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Expense	\$ 95.80	
Honorarium	54.20	

Mrs. Edna Molen, 2nd Vice President		247.00
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(Expense to Atlanta)		216.00
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Mrs. Lillie A. Haynes, Rec. Sec'y		
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Expense	166.00	
Honorarium	50.00	

Mrs. Katie Waller, Asst. Rec. Sec'y		148.00
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Expense	98.15	
Honorarium	49.85	

Mrs. Jean B. ... Corresponding Sec'y		352.76
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Expense	147.76	
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Honorarium	205.00	
Mrs. Rose Lewis, Financial Sec'y		250.00
Expense	145.00	
Honorarium	105.00	
Mrs. Beulah Brent Treasurer		250.00
Expense	129.19	
Honorarium	120.81	
Mrs. Ruby Beatrice Boone, Historian		75.00
(Expense to Atlanta)		
Mrs. Ella B. Harrison, Parliamentarian		49.00
(Fare to Atlanta)		
CONVENTION SPEAKERS		
Mrs. Deborah P. Wolf		230.14
Expense	130.14	
Honorarium	100.00	
Dr. Benjamin Mays		100.00
Rev. E. Theodore Lewis		25.00
Mrs. Beulah Brent		25.00
Mrs. Beatrice Bynum		25.00
Mrs. Jean Luckey		25.00
Dr. Lynette Saine		25.00
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Nannie Helen Burroughs School	\$600.00	
Foreign Mission Bureau	500.00	
Southern Christian Leadership Conference	500.00	
Mrs. Elsie Brown, African Missionary	100.56	
Mr. Francis, Blind Musician	55.75	
Refunds for Registrations		210.00
Total Disbursements, 2nd Annual Session, Atlanta, Ga.	\$5,336.00	
Brought forward, September 1, 1964	\$ 470.00	
Total Receipts 2nd Annual Session	8,000.00	
Grand Total receipts	\$8,470.00	
Disbursements	5,730.00	
Balance, September 30, 1964	\$2,740.00	

THEY THAT WERE READY . . .

President Arbouin's Progress Report to the
Second Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Progressive
National Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia
September, 1964

President Chambers, Vice President Taylor, Executive Secretary Booth, Other
Distinguished Officers, Members and Visitors

Words are such limited carriers for thoughts! In my opening remarks I
can but register sincere appreciation to our "brothers" for the gesture of en-
agement you make by halting your important Agendas to hear what we
have to say. To me, this is no small item; no ordinary circumstance! It is,
however, a definite aspect of our New and Progressive Frontier. It is the over-
come of the lofty esteem in which you hold the Women's Auxiliary. We thank
you, and may God shower greater blessings upon you.

One year ago I stood before you to highlight the Challenge before us. You
lent listening ears, open minds, and warm hearts. Today as I congratulate Dr.
William Holmes Borders, who extended the invitation, and the cooperating
churches of this community, I praise God that after twelve eventful months,
Divine Providence has again brought us together as a PROGRESSIVE Na-
tional Baptist Convention in the enterprising Southern Metropolis — Atlanta,
Georgia.

In our Baptist tradition this phase of our deliberations puts the focus on
The President — the person at the helm of leadership. Nevertheless, it is
my thinking that "followership" is of no less import. As a matter of fact, good
"followership" is essential to effective leadership. The leader must be as the
moon not as the Sun. She must not shine upon her followers, but must
reflect them. It is in that consciousness that I present to you now the array
of noble women who have accepted responsibility in fostering the PROGRES-
SIVE Cause, and whose dedication to the Women's Auxiliary has motivated
their year-round activity, through Units, and has brought me to this hour
to a Progress Report.

And they stood every woman in her place.

And every woman said to another:

"Be of Good Cheer TOIL ON!"

We are mindful that there are today six hundred thousand MORE women
in the world than men. This range is from infant to octogenarian; from rural
mother to city home-maker, from office worker to research scientist; from
nursery-sitter to Astronaut; from Cradle Roll Teacher to Minister; from Olympic
athlete to College President. Statistics prove that women own 70% of the
Nation's wealth, 50% of industrial stocks; 44% of utilities; 40% of Real
Estate; 65% of savings accounts; women buy 80% of consumer goods, spend
65% of the family income, and because the life span of women is longer, they
pay 80% of the inheritance taxes. Small wonder that Lady Bird Johnson told
the students of Texas Woman's University, where she received an Honorary
Doctorate of Laws on March 31: "Your horizons are not finite. You were born
at the right time to be a woman. It is a good time to be alive, and it is a good
time to be a woman because your country, more than at any time in history, is
now utilizing your abilities and intelligence. Women are in the high noon of a
new day." President Lyndon B. Johnson, who was given the oath of office by
a woman, Judge Sarah T. Hughes, aboard the Presidential jet plane in Dallas
at Love Field, subsequently stated emphatically that he was "not running a
Slag Party in Washington." He has made 93 top appointments of women
since January, including two Ambassadors, and a woman on the Atomic Energy
Commission. Remember, this election year offers women, and men, an excel-
lent opportunity to revitalize our interest in the choice of President of the
United States. Urge you to let there be no apathy and indifference toward
the polls in November. The issues, the platforms, and the candidates are clear
before us!

Women are the greatest potential resource in the world in which we live.
Ours is a world in many revolutions, and Women are at the center of all of
them.

1. It is the GROWING WORLD expected to double its population by the
end of the century to reach six billions.

2. It is an HUNGRY WORLD with the greater part of the Near Far East in what we call hunger areas. Mahatma Gandhi once remarked: "Himself dare not appear to a hungry man except in the form of bread." One half of the world's population live in the Far East, yet they receive only 10% of the world's income. North America, with 6% of the world's population, receives nearly 40%. In the main, we take this for granted and go on enjoying a greater secularization of life than the world has ever known, with little thought of underprivileged and under-nourished peoples.

3. It is a world of many CHRONICALLY ILL persons. Clergymen today are called upon to minister to these unfortunate individuals almost as frequently as they are to preach a sermon.

4. Ours is a world of Revolution in EDUCATION. More than half cannot read or write, and this number is ever increasing because new schools are not equal to new students and to the mass thirst for knowledge. Not long ago while visiting Nigeria, I talked with the Minister of Education who expressed his intention to enroll thousands of illiterates in the following school term. When I inquired, "Where will you get the teachers?" He replied, "We will use many of the fourth and fifth grade students as teachers of those who are illiterate." "Where will you get the classrooms?" was my second question. They gave the answer: "We will seat them on God's good ground!" At the higher level the pressures and demands of a technological society have hit all schools, forcing them to pursue new patterns of curriculum and teacher training. The revolution in American Education is tied up with the Human Rights Revolution. It is fraught with profound and necessary changes to fulfill the guarantee of our Democratic Constitution. It is a part of a world wide movement toward the establishment of social and political regimes in which every individual will feel valued and none will feel rejected. In this process is a common cliché: "The teachers seem to be afraid of the Principal; the Principal afraid of the School Board; the School Board is afraid of the parents; the parents are afraid of the children; the children are afraid of nobody." We are involved in a social, legal and social Revolution, but we are also facing a spiritual emergency. Nothing short of a spiritual revolution will deliver us. The numerical advantage of women must be utilized to the maximum capacity.

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS!

"Christian Progress through Faith and Courage" is the theme for this Auxiliary Session, but please permit me to BEGIN at the END. By that I mean the END of our first meeting, Detroit, Michigan, 1963. You will recall that we selected for our first theme there: "Redeeming the Time for Service" (Ephesians 5:15-17). With that well-chosen theme, we used an appropriate song entitled "Ready."

1
Ready to suffer grief or pain, Ready to stand the test
Ready to stay at home and send. Others, if God sees best

Chorus

Ready to go, ready to stay, Ready my place to fill
Ready for service, lowly or great, Ready to do His will

2

Ready to go, ready to bear, ready to watch and pray
Ready to stand aside and give, Till He shall clear the way

3

Ready to speak, ready to think, Ready with heart and brain
Ready to stand where He sees fit, Ready to stand the strain

4

Ready to work, ready to warn, Ready o'er souls to yearn
Ready in life, ready in death, Ready for His return.

We shall keep this song indefinitely for our Auxiliary theme song. It is found in the Broadman Hymnal and the Baptist Book Store has sent us hundreds of copies for this meeting. Take one home, sing it, believe it, prove it. For songs on the lips of a Christian are a mark of the fire that burns within the breast. We sang this Theme Song with great gusto several times each day and with the "Launching Pad Ceremony" over, we left Detroit with the music on our lips and the lyrics in our hearts. Ready to suffer, grief or pain; Ready to stand the test.

It was a dramatic moment when the leaders of twenty-seven Units filled the improvised "trapsule" with Daring, Dedication, and Dollars. When it was emptied our intake was more than fifteen hundred dollars. We were READY to write checks: First to the Foreign Mission Bureau, \$500.00; to the Nannie Helen Burroughs School \$500.00, and to Morehouse College here in Atlanta \$500.00. We were "Ready to stand aside and give, Ready with heart and brain."

Ah, but we sang MORE than we knew! Our positive declaration was put to the acid test in less than 5 days, for on September 15, 1963 we found ourselves as children in an Hide-and-Seek game, where the captain yells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7—READY or NOT READY? If a player has found a hiding place, she will remain quiet. If she is still seeking a secluded spot, she will answer: "Not Ready!" Yes, we had sung lustily and meaningfully: "Ready for grief or pain," but we were forced to admit, with aching hearts that we were NOT READY to accept the startling newscast that the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama had been bombed on the Lord's Day, and that the precious lives of four faithful Sunday School girls had been snuffed out by a hater's bomb: Cynthia Wesley, Denise McNair, Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson, and as a result, two boys, Virgil Ware and Johnnie Robinson were also killed. The subject of the lesson that day was "Love Your Enemies."

After a brief period of "Recovery," by Faith we mustered courage to sing again: "Ready for Service, lowly or great." And in a day or so, the Financial Secretary, Mrs. Rose Lewis and I made our way to West Palm Beach, Florida where we organized the women of the Southern Region under the leadership of Mrs. Laura B. Conner of Riviera Beach. Mrs. Lewis and I returned in jubilation over what had been achieved in Florida, but suddenly I lost again, the sense of being "NOT READY." The telecast announcement of a shocking and terrible tragedy came on November 22, 1963—America's 35th President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, age 46 had been felled by an assassin's bullet. The dauntless courage of his little wife gave courage to millions of women around the world. Ready or Not Ready?

Once again I was restored to a state of ecstasy when the word came that TIME Magazine had named for its MAN OF THE YEAR that dynamic Baptist preacher, world renowned integration leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and here this week our gracious host, as Co-Pastor with his illustrious father Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. The editors of this widely distributed weekly news media said: "It is with inner strength, tenaciously rooted in Christian concepts, that Dr. King has made himself the unchallenged voice of Negro people." The Pastor of this church is the first Negro to be named MAN OF THE YEAR since this practice began in 1927—36 years ago. We congratulate Dr. King, Jr.

This gave me a new awareness that Freedom is not given—it is bought, and sometimes the price paid is imprisonment and bloodshed. The Birmingham girls and boys, and Medgar Evers, John F. Kennedy, and The Mississippi Three.

The wacker dies, but the work goes on. I made a new resolve that I am "Ready to Go" with my feet shod with the preparation of Truth, I set out to explore the work whereunto Progressive Women have set their hands. In every place I visited, I found the people "Ready" to offer themselves as recruits. Surprisingly, in many places they were still singing "Ready to Go." Patrick once said: "There are three orders of saints; those who are a glory on the mountaintops! Those who are a gleam on the sides of the hills; And those who are just a few faint lights down in the valleys! But the thing which made all the saints saints, was their devotion to carrying the cross of theiraviour who ever they went, with a Faith that was always noticeable, and a courage that was always unquenchable. I encountered all of these.

It was a good 1964 beginning (February 11-13,) when the women of the Eastern Region perfected their organization during the Eastern Regional Convention, held at the Greater White Rock Church, Rev. David E. Salmons, Pastor. Mrs. Jeanne Hall was voted President.

A good number of Pastors have accorded me the high privilege of speaking to their Sunday MORNING congregations. I feel that for stepping aside from my sacred desks, these deserve Honorable Mention.

Rev. R. A. Moody
 Rev. O. H. Stinson
 Rev. H. P. Sharper
 Rev. J. N. Carrington
 Rev. J. W. Moore
 Rev. L. W. White
 Rev. Gardner C. Taylor
 Rev. Raymond Dunn
 Rev. A. F. Campbell
 The Rev. Mr. Steen
 Rev. W. E. Manley
 Rev. J. H. Nichols
 Rev. Wm. C. Upshaw
 Rev. S. D. Edwards
 Rev. T. S. Boone
 Rev. J. C. Austin
 Rev. Thomas Kugore
 Rev. Lloyd A. Burros
 Rev. J. E. Smith
 Rev. F. D. Brunsick
 The Rev. Martin Luther King
 Rev. W. R. Bailey
 Rev. Wm. M. Downs
 Rev. H. H. Coleman
 Rev. J. Arthur Younger
 1063 Fort L. Harrison
 Rev. L. V. Booth

Hartford, Conn.
 Griffin, Georgia
 Newark, N. J.
 Brooklyn, N. Y. (now deceased)
 Buffalo, N. Y.
 District of Columbia
 Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Jamaica, N. Y.
 New York City
 Oberlin, Ohio
 Wilmington, Delaware
 Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Akron, Ohio
 Flint, Michigan
 Detroit, Michigan
 Chicago, Ill.
 New York City (now of Los Angeles)
 Jamaica, N. Y.
 Newark, N. J.
 Jamaica, N. Y.
 Atlanta, Georgia
 East Orange, N. J.
 Cleveland, Ohio
 Detroit, Michigan
 Ryan Mawr, Pennsylvania
 Washington, D. C.
 Cincinnati, Ohio

Recently, I had to decline a number of invitations because of a crowded schedule. I would add to the Honorable Mention the name of Rev. A. C. Livingston Arbouin, who obviously has made sacrifices for me to cover the ground.

On the visit to Cincinnati, I was delighted to see, for the first time, not only the magnificent building which has been erected under the Pastorate of our distinguished Executive Secretary, Dr. L. V. Booth, but to sit in a pew in that spacious House of Worship, in meditation and a prayer of Thanksgiving for it was on that spot that our great Convention was started. Gentlemen, if you are interested in Church architecture, I suggest that you make this two-fold trip to Zion Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. It is the personification of beauty, simplicity, cleanliness and sacredness.

I met Mrs. Booth and discovered the secret of his power—an ideal mother, teacher, wife and a sister beloved.

When I go, the name of the Progressive Women's Auxiliary goes home. I was inspired when the invitation came to go to Chicago and address the International Women's Convention of the Church of God in Christ. May I say in passing that Baptist women have something to gain by observing this women in action. They are a loyal group, and under the matchless leadership of Dr. Lillian B. Coffee (who went to her Heavenly reward a few weeks ago) they have been emancipated from the stereotype of that religious body. With the help of women like Dr. Arenia C. Mallory, President of the Sears Junior College, Lexington, Mass. and Madam Ernestine B. Washington, Race and TV star of New York City, Dr. Coffee succeeded in convincing the women of the Church that a child of God should look good as well as be good. It was heartening to see many of our Progressive women of the Chicago community in the vast auditorium, and also President Chester Dixon, President of our Laymen's Auxiliary.

I must mention some of the other groups in which I participated. Of course, my own Progressive New York State Convention; Mrs. Eliza Doughty, President, the New York State Congress and the Progressive New York Retreat.

Soon after our Detroit Convention, the United Church Women of Syracuse, N. Y., requested that I address their Mid-day Session on the Mission of the Ecumenical Church. On this occasion more than 800 women committed themselves to work toward the Ecumenical Church—the whole body.

On February 25, it was a profit sharing experience with 1500 persons in

attendance in New York City at the Conference on Religion and Race. We stressed what we have in common rather than what separates Catholics, Protestants and Jews and we spelled out a resolve to work in every area for the destruction of all racial and religious barriers in Education, Employment, Health and Welfare, Housing and the Inner Life of Church and Synagogue.

In the month of April, preceding the successful Mid-Western Regional Meeting in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., Rev. John E. Nance, Pastor of our forward-looking Vice-President, Dr. Taylor, called a Summit Meeting for the purpose of weighing proposals and furthering blue-printing procedure for the immediate and long-range future of our Convention. Following this, an eager group of women joined me at the Central Baptist Church, Rev. T. Huntley, Pastor, and fully organized the Mid-West Region under the presidency of Mrs. L. A. Lambert. We could then say that the women of the Southern, Eastern, and Mid-Western Regions are "Ready to Go" organizationally.

My next trip was to Baltimore, Maryland for the First Congress Meeting of United Baptist Women of Maryland, April 1964. This was a new venture for them and was the culmination of five years of sincere efforts at unanimity to bring together the Women's Auxiliary, Maryland Baptist Convention, Women's Convention of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland and Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Baptist Convention of Maryland. Mrs. J. Millard Tawes, used as her subject "United Baptist and Mission." At their second service of the day the wife of the Governor of Maryland, Mrs. J. Millard Tawes, used as her subject "United Baptist Women and their Civic Responsibility." Although it was stated at the time, that this fellowship meeting for the purpose of greater unity between Negro and White would not convene for another two years, I was convinced that these women of different racial backgrounds had made a dent in a difficult situation and a step in the Christian direction. I suggested their getting together more often.

Early in May Progressive Women of the District of Columbia under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Jennie Hall, gave wings to their objectives and goals in the form of a gala Progressive Reception and toast to the President. It was a happy occasion at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rev. C. W. Green, Pastor. The clergymen of the District supported this affair in very great numbers.

An addition to our Convention is the Pennsylvania Progressive Baptist State Convention of which the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Percetti are presidents respectively. This Convention does not boast of numerical strength but it is characterized by a sincerity destined to bear much fruit. They are represented in this meeting. My visit to this convention was very rewarding. Sessions were held at the Enon Baptist Church, Philadelphia, May 11-15, 1964.

With a deep concern for our Baptist Allies, I went as an observer to Atlantic City, N. J. to the Third Baptist Jubilee Advance. The Annual Sessions of the Southern and American Baptist Conventions preceded the ADVANCE in the spacious Convention Hall, May 1964. It was the first time in history representatives of the seven major Baptist bodies in North America had gathered under one roof, hence their theme "For Liberty and Light" was apropos. There was revealed a maturity of purpose that has been missing in many gatherings of this nature. Certainly American Baptist gained considerable stature in the refusal to be stampeded by the fearful, the hesitant, and the misinformed. This was evident in the strong Resolutions supporting the Civil Rights Bill and urging participation in non-violent demonstrations on behalf of integration in housing, employment, education and voting. The Atlantic City press noted with headlines the contrast between the American and Southern Conventions: the public forums, the streamlined schedule, and the quality of speakers made one proud to be a Baptist. Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy moved beyond the deeper convictions Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who received the Dalhousie Peace Award there, delivered a never-to-be-forgotten meditation from the pulpit: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." These Baptists soberly admitted that the implementation of their votes and Resolutions would be "less dramatic," but they evinced, in positive terms, that they are "READY" to move ahead toward these ends, confident that the God of the Church revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, will support their best efforts.

For the personal reference, I want to express appreciation

for the joyfully demonstrated at the New Hope Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. Chas. Hamilton, Pastor, on the occasion of my being cited by 12 years service as Contributing Editor for the Official Organ of the National Association of Ministers' Wives. This was a colorful affair, on Friday, the 11th of March 1964. Mrs. Lillie Christy, Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mrs. Jennie Hall and other Progressive women, whose names I did not get, made this heart-warming by their flowers, shower of hankies artfully arranged in a huge bowl and other useful tokens expressive of their devotion and respect.

Your greetings were taken to the New England Baptist Missionary Convention in session, June 1964, at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City. Mrs. F. B. Thomas, President of the Women's Auxiliary. You are familiar with the breadth of this organization and support it annually.

Another challenging experience was the attendance to our Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress in Chicago, June 1964 held with the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Dr. J. C. Austin, Pastor. The Congress left nothing to be desired in its educational setting, resembling a Christian Education institution of long standing. President Offutt, Dean Upshaw and all instructors were alert and scintillating! It doth not appear what we shall be as we study to show ourselves workmen, approved unto God.

Some among you may be in wonderment as to how I maintain such schedule and at the same time carry important responsibilities in my own Church. For 13 years I have edited and mimeographed our Sunday Bulletin, and before I go anywhere this is always done. The Presidency of a large missionary society is also my responsibility, not to mention the general duties of a Pastor's wife. How is it done? There is but one answer - God. Not only has He kept me hale, hearty and happy, but unlike the fishermen of old who repined, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing," I thank God I can report to you today that I HAVE TOILED ALL YEAR AND HAVE CAUGHT SOMETHING!

I HAVE CAUGHT a clearer vision of the task which lies ahead for there is no vision for the future, there is no power for the present.

I HAVE CAUGHT the spirit of the pioneers - of women like Jane Hunter, who built the Phyllis Wheatley in Cleveland, Ohio on a "nickel and a prayer," of Jane Adams of Chicago's Hull House fame and the Women International League for Peace and Freedom, of Susan B. Anthony who faced masculine persecution to blaze the trail for women's rights to vote. These all took a giant step without trepidation, never forgetting our own Nannie Helen Burroughs. I HAVE TOILED ALL YEAR AND HAVE CAUGHT SOMETHING! The spirit of Harriet Tubman.

I HAVE CAUGHT a glimpse of Heaven. In the gleam I see a place typified by the Master, to which Five Wise Virgins went after tarrying for the coming of the Bridegroom. They were READY and they went in. Progressive Women, I declare to you today, that I am READY to trim my lamp. Are you ready?

Next month I shall take a Jet to Japan in connection with my duties as a member of the Women's Planning Committee of the Japan Christian University Foundation. This will also be a short vacation.

WHERE DO PROGRESSIVE WOMEN GO FROM HERE?

There are things we should do, there are things we could do, but there are things we MUST do!

I am recommending that Progressive Women conduct a church-wide nation-wide project in Foreign Missions. If you read our paper, BAPTIST PROGRESS, you have noted that the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau is now the bona fide Foreign Mission Agent of the churches of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. The Bureau will be contributing to the sustenance and welfare of our convention. We shall be pooling our efforts to the limit of our strength to "build a superstructure worthy of our profession of faith." Dr. R. A. Cromwell, the able successor to our veteran Executive Secretary, Dr. J. P. Adams informed me that on July 17, the Bureau shipped \$20,000.00 worth of hospital equipment, including an operating table, an X-ray machine, microscopes, centrifuges, etc., to the Pilgrim Baptist Mission in Nigeria, but that linen for the hospital must yet be provided. I am urging every Progressive Woman to return home and begin making or buying pillow-

cases, sheets, towels, washcloths, etc. Pass the word along to those who are with us this year and to interested friends. In due course, you will receive information from my office with specific instructions where you are to ship them.

2. We have been invited, as a Progressive Women's Auxiliary, to take membership on the Board of Trustees of the National Trade and Professional School on Lincoln Heights, Washington, D. C. - the President and two others are suggested. You have heard various versions of the status of this treasured institution which is dear to the heart of all of us. This new affiliation will enable Progressive Women, at all times, to have authentic information and to be guided in undergirding the work of this institution, and perpetuating the dream of its founder, Dr. Nannie Helen Burroughs. I can tell you this now - since the home going of Dr. Burroughs, the name of the school has been changed to "The Nannie Helen Burroughs School" as a fitting memorial. The Board of Trustees is offering a voice in the control and management of the school to representatives from all the National bodies of Baptist Women. We gave moral and financial support to Miss Burroughs in her intensive love, devotion and dedication for finer womanhood, education, and Christian character. I can tell you further that under the dedicated leadership of Mrs. Rebecca J. Calloway, President, a Child Development and Training Center, now being carried on. If there is anything needed in this time of broken homes and delinquency among the old and the young more than a Child Development Training Center, it is two of them. We believe that this is of supreme satisfaction to Miss Burroughs, if the dead knows what the living is doing. We must maintain this worthwhile institution.

3. We must WORK the WORKER. I am urging that we intensify our campaign for subscribers to that priceless magazine, THE WORKER. This magazine has been good copy from the beginning, but in step with progress, the editors have gone all out to reach larger proportions of reading value. It is geared now for young and old, Baptist and non-Baptist missionaries and other study groups. It is an improved magazine. Mrs. Calloway has asked that we set a goal for 500 subscribers this year. We must do nothing less. Give A WORKER subscription for a Christmas present or a birthday gift. You have never given so much for so little. Send THE WORKER to a shut-in, to friends of other ethnic groups and to other religious communions. THE WORKER will work for them! And be sure your own subscription is intact. Write the

Nannie Helen Burroughs Publications
Lincoln Heights, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

4. OUR UNITS. Every woman who has signed a Pink Sheet has been given a special job to do in our 27 Units. More women are needed for each unit to work with our eminently qualified leaders. Keep ever in mind that you selected the area of service in which you have been placed because of your aptness for the same. When you receive letters from your Chairman, Co-Chairman or from my office, please do not overlook them - give us the courtesy of a reply! Progressive Women will comply with this request.

5. Subsequently to submitting the necessary data, on May 5, 1964 we received the following letter from Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod, General Director of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Dear Mrs. Arbouin:

"This is to inform you that the Board of Managers of United Church Women at its meeting in San Antonio, Texas, April 12-30, unanimously voted to list the Women's Auxiliary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention as a non-member communion approved for membership in the General Department of United Church Women. We are indeed happy to have the women of the Progressive National Baptist Convention with us. You will in the future receive all materials which are in national denominational women's groups."

We are good working with you again and we look forward to you at the triennial assembly in Kansas City, October

Progressive Women MUST stand up and be counted - these ongoing alliances of Christian women.

6 We must be thinking, too, of the 11th Baptist Women's Congress to be held in Miami Beach, Florida, June 25-30, 1945

7 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE - After careful consideration it was decided by those in charge, in consultation with our Youth Director, Mrs. Hazel Baskerville Nelson, that we needed to use the beginning years in the formation of a strong Women's Auxiliary from which the Young People's Department will stem. Hence, at this meeting you have seen the talents of our Young People interwoven with the Auxiliary, specifically, in a Friday Evening Program under the direction of the Youth Director, Mrs. Minnie L. Brown, Assistant Director, and the four specialists in the field who have been appointed this year. They are

EASTERN REGION--Mrs. Jacqueline F. Washington, Penna.

SOUTHERN REGION--Mrs. Katherine W. Offutt, Kentucky

MID-WEST REGION--Mrs. Mattie Cross, Illinois

WESTERN REGION--Mrs. Cornelia C. Clay, California

It is expected that next year the work of our Young People will be undertaken fully by the young people.

8 CIVIL RIGHTS - Our new life movement is better known as The Civil Rights Struggle. We MUST do all we can to promote the ideals for which we stand as Christians and as American Citizens. We MUST continue to ask ourselves individually and collectively in every way possible with the fervor of work to eradicate man's inhumanity to man. We know now who our white friends are, and we are able to know who our Negro leaders are, and to point to them with dignified pride. We MUST support them. The gains we have made in integration and full citizenship is the direct result of what the Negro has done for himself under sound leadership, the Government Legislature notwithstanding. We have made some mistakes but we have made MORE Progress. We MUST make ready on a nation-wide scale for the doors that are opening. The Civil Rights Struggle is not a one-sided deal. Over the door of Achard College in Ghana is a replica of a piano keyboard implicating the for perfect harmony both the black and white keys must be played. To think in terms of white and black people is an eye disease, a cancer of the soul. We are all people of God - made in His image - and God is no respecter of persons. Then Conquer, we MUST for our Cause is Just! We cannot always see the brightness of the sun, but with Faith and Courage we MUST project the interesting picture by that French poet, Victor Hugo, when he wrote

"Be like the bird, that on a bough too frail
To hear him gaily he sings, he carols
Though the slender branches fail
He knows that he has wings."

In conclusion, I am thinking of this monumental city in the year 1886 when a great Negro educator, Booker T. Washington, was to speak at the Atlanta Exposition. Much speculation developed over what he was going to say because this was the first such invitation extended to a Negro leader in the deep South. Mr. Washington spoke of the Negroes being as separate as two fingers in "all things that are social." My, My, My, we have come a long way. In that memorable address he told of a ship lost at sea for many days. A lost ship sighted a friendly vessel. From the mast of the unfortunate vessel was seen a signal "Water, water, we die of thirst!" The answer from the friendly vessel at once came back "Cast down your bucket where you are." A second time the signal "Water, water, send us water!" Rang up the distressed vessel, and a third and fourth time came the signal, and was again answered "Cast down your bucket where you are." The captain of the distressed vessel, at last heeding the injunction, cast down his bucket, and it came up full of fresh sparkling water from the mouth of the Amazon River." Mr. Washington waxed eloquent when he said, "To those of my race who are depending on bettering their condition in a foreign land or who underestimate the importance of cultivating friendly relations with southern whites, I say, Cast down your bucket where you are." Cast it down my friends in every manner, way. Cast it down in Agriculture, Mechanics, Commerce, Domestic Service and in the Professions."

Progressive men and women, may I implore the presence of Mr. Washington uttered right here in Atlanta, Georgia.

"Cast down your bucket where you are!"
I hear you asking "WHERE ARE WE?"

WE ARE in the greatest country in the world - make no mistake about that but believe one who has encircled the globe

WE ARE at the threshold of a new Baptist era.

WE ARE facing the door of sublime opportunity.

WE ARE in the gaze of the Christian world. People are looking to see if the Progressive National Baptist Convention will be progressive.

WE ARE standing on a principle of Democracy. Democracy as we now term, means a community of Christian men and women who are able to understand, express and determine their lives as dignified human beings with the common benefits for all people. We no longer need to feel ourselves possessors of duties and decisions beyond our control and comprehension. We are a PROGRESSIVE Convention of WE, the People!

Cast down your bucket where YOU ARE!

Cast it down in Christian dedication and sacrifice!

Cast it down in building better home and family life at a time when four out of every five marriages end in divorce!

Cast it down in Political Concern and Social Action!

Cast down your bucket where YOU ARE!

"THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN."

Are you READY?

MINUTES OF THE INSPIRATIONAL MEETING OF THE MIDWESTERN REGIONAL CONVENTION

November 5, 1964

The Inspirational Meeting of the Midwestern Regional Convention was held with the Greater Galilee Baptist Church, 2432 Teutonia Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Rev. E. B. Phillips, Pastor.

At 10:30 A.M. Rev. Wm. L. Lambert conducted the devotional service. He led in singing "Lift Him Up." Rev. C. Glasco read Jn. 4th chapter which was followed by the singing of "Yield Not To Temptation." Prayer was offered by Rev. Lambert and the devotional period was closed with soft music. "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross."

Rev. Lambert, in well chosen words, presented Dr. Stroy Freeman and in glowing terms presented Rev. Friday Hudson. Rev. Hudson made brief remarks and presented Rev. McMillan of Chicago Heights for the message. He gave a very inspiring message based on John 15:1-2. The audience sang "Blessed Assurance."

President C. V. Johnson was received with a standing ovation, in recognition of his dignity. He gave an encouraging picture of the recent session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention held at Wheat Street Church in Atlanta, Ga. He referred to the strengthening of each auxiliary of our Region and to enlist into our affiliation other parts of our local congregations.

It was voted and carried that Brother J. Alford would become assistant to Brother C. Dixon. It was further stated that the Ushers needed a Chairman as it seemed that there might be an extensive expansion. Rev. E. R. Williams suggested that we wait for a pattern from the Parent Body in this regard. Rev. Rawls magnified the need for a minister to guide the laymen and ushers departments and suggested that Rev. C. A. Staples supervise the ushers. Rev. W. W. Taylor and others were in accord with the idea.

President Johnson suggested that state presidents were in position to know who would make the best person for these positions. Rev. C. A. Staples was suggested by Rev. S. Freeman and Rev. W. W. Taylor recommended Rev. W. Tilman. They will serve as counselors for ushers and singing groups. Rev. Lambert spoke of the need to include all states and Rev. Phillips suggested that the Councilors contact Pastors who would be urged to send key people to strengthen our whole organization.

The President presented Mrs. Wallace who spoke in behalf of the War on Poverty. Mr. Reuben, an insurance agent, pointed out the value of buying group insurance.

Mrs. Margaret Smith, Field Representative for the Baptist Foreign Mission Bureau spoke of the fine way we have cooperated in supporting worthy objectives abroad and her faith in our dedication and integrity for furthering the great and noble cause of Foreign Missions. President Johnson pointed out our dedication to Christian Education and stated that we have done unusually well for a young organization, having given nearly \$20,000.00 for that purpose. The congregation sang, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

Rev. D. D. Clay was presented and he in choice terms presented Dr. Louis Rawls for the sermon. He preached a great sermon based on Luke 11:21. We were convinced that he is a great preacher and that we are weighed in the balances and found wanting.

After the sermon a public offering was taken and visitors introduced including Rev. R. W. Collins, a representative from the Cook Publishing Co. Mrs. Lambert, President of the Women's Auxiliary in the Region, made timely remarks.

Benediction by Rev. Rawls.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The minutes for the afternoon and evening sessions of the Inspirational Meeting are not available. It is reported that Dr. Stroy Freeman gave a very powerful message in the afternoon and Rev. W. D. McClung, the evening speaker, left the people talking about his being a heart stirring preacher.

REPRESENTATIONS.

Church
New Friendship
Mt Bethel
Mt Union
Mt Ebenerer
First Union
Hopeful
Greater South Shore
Greater Galilee
Holy Mountain
Mt Hebron
First Timothy
Jerusalem
New Grace
Maryland Avenue
Douglas Park
South Park
Pleasant Gift
St John No. 2
Pilgrim
Come And See
Greater Hope
Shiloah
St Stephens

Pastor	Amount
Rev. Stroy Freeman	\$20.00
Rev. C. V. Johnson	20.00
Rev. C. W. Jones	10.00
Rev. E. Trimble	5.00
Rev. Wm. Leverette	5.00
Rev. R. W. Collins	5.00
Rev. E. B. Phillips	25.00
Rev. C. Staples	5.00
Rev. J. N. Wordlaw	5.00
Rev. A. Shelby	5.00
Rev. W. D. McClung	10.00
Rev. D. D. Clay	10.00
Rev. L. Davis	10.00
Rev. E. R. Williams	10.00
Rev. R. L. Buckner	15.00
Rev. J. C. Austin	20.00
Rev. John Brown	5.00
Rev. Wm. L. Lambert	10.00
Rev. W. W. Taylor	20.00
Rev. F. L. Porter	5.00

Total for churches \$240.00

PERSONAL DONATIONS

Mr. Reuben
Cook Publishing Co.
Brother Chester Dixon
Rev. T. Rhodes
Rev. Wm. Bailey

10.00
5.00
5.00
2.00
5.00

Total personal donations 27.00

PUBLIC OFFERING

71.00

TOTAL \$338.00

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION
SUMTER, S. C.—November 17-19, 1964
The Third Annual Session of the
The Southern Regional Convention
Convening with the First Baptist Church, Sumter, South Carolina
Rev. W. S. Randolph, Pastor

The pre-convention program was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. W. S. Randolph on Tuesday night, November 17 at 7:30 P.M. The scripture was read by Rev. Vandroth Backus and Rev. Earl Mathis led in prayer. Musical selections were rendered by the Community Junior Choir, the Community Senior Choir and the Community Gospel Choir. The principal address was delivered by Dr. L. V. Booth, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. His subject was "Nothing to Draw With," based on John 4:11. Dr. Booth delivered a dynamic message with words of wisdom and challenge.

Regional and National officers were presented by Rev. C. A. Chern, President, College, Columbia, S. C. The finance committee consisted of Reverends B. J. Weston, L. W. Walker, T. O. Everett, H. Grant, and H. McGill.

The pre-convention program set the tone for the session to follow. Benediction by Rev. L. W. Williams.
 Offering for host church \$110.04.

Dr. O. H. Stinson, Southern Regional President
 Dr. S. S. Hodges, Recording Secretary

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 18, 1964

At 9:15 A.M. Rev. A. E. Banks, Alabama conducted the devotions by leading in singing and playing, "Blessed Assurance." Rev. W. E. Young, Florida, offered prayer. We then sang "Close To Thee." Dr. Banks gave a very inspiring meditation based on John 1:17, 18:37. Devotions were concluded by singing "Count On Me."

Dr. O. H. Stinson, president of the Southern Regional Convention, made preliminary remarks. He stated that the executive secretary, Dr. Booth, was going to Morris College to speak at their Chapel service, therefore he would present him for such matters he wished to discuss at this time.

Dr. Booth emphasized the need for supporting the Progressive National Baptist Convention through the Voluntary Monthly Support Plan. His office has received more than \$2,000 since the annual session in Atlanta. He urged all those who have not signed a commitment card to do so. He named several objectives to which we are already committed. Since the parent body will be in Los Angeles, California in 1965, and some will not be able to go that far, he exhorted us to try to make the most of the regional conventions to offset what might be a smaller representation in California.

The president called for the adoption of the program. The recording secretary called attention to the fact that this is the Third Annual Session of the Southern Regional Convention rather than the second. Rev. D. K. Connor moved that the program be adopted with the inclusion of a discussion of the convention blue print. Rev. W. E. Young seconded the motion and it was adopted.

The president declared a recess in order for the churches to register. The women were excused to assemble downstairs in their session.

When we reassembled, Rev. Banks conducted a song service consisting of familiar hymns. President Stinson appointed the finance committee: Reverends J. F. Williams, Va., A. J. Alford, Fla., W. D. Kent, Ga., J. O. Rich, South Carolina, J. W. Walker, Fla.

Dr. A. A. Edwards, consultant to the Home Mission Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was presented to speak on the work of the Home Mission Board. Rev. A. E. Banks, Alabama, reminded us that Dr. Edwards had recently been elected a member of the Board of Revenue of Marion County, Ala. and we as a convention should be proud of him. Dr.

Boards gave the program of The Home Mission Board as follows:

PROGRAM OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE
PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

Reverend S. M. Weaver, Corresponding Secretary
 2810 Rosedale Avenue, Houston 4, Texas

Objective

A. The objective of the Home Mission Board is four-fold.

1. To serve State Mission Boards—consultively and financially, assist in defining and analyzing pertinent Mission situations and evaluating approaches to solution and seek necessary funds to meet the needs.
2. To support regional projects and engage in experiments designed to strengthen Church and association programs—schools, colleges, seminaries, student projects for example.
3. To cooperate with other national religious organizations for mutual benefit—American Baptist Mission Board and the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches, American Bible Society, for example.
4. Be worthy of adequate support, regularly reported for mission through the cooperative budget plan.

Activities Pertaining to

A. Literature

1. Suggest books suitable for study courses.
2. Produce helpful tracts.
3. Seek effective ways in use of Visual Aids.

B. Research

1. Gather and interpret pertinent facts concerning denominational responsibilities.

C. Areas of Interest

1. Urban

- a. Study population movement in relation to:
 - (1) Church building needs
 - (2) Urban renewal in relation to denominational program
- b. Seek cooperation with relevant—local, county, regional, state and national agencies.
- c. Study and meet chaplain—ministry needs in hospitals, penal and industrial institutions and Armed Forces.
- d. Study requirements and conditions for special ministries—where and how to meet them. For example Migrant Ministry and counseling.

2. Rural

- a. Study the factors affecting the strength and weakness of Churches.
- b. Consider possibilities of establishing Pilot projects such as consolidation of two or more churches, larger Parish organizations.
- c. Summer student work projects.
- d. Study needs for Camp and Recreation areas.
- e. Encourage cooperation with Rural Area Development.
- f. Assist with the ministry to migrants.
3. Encourage cooperation with Baptist Student Union Movement in schools, colleges, and seminaries.
4. Locate resourceful persons within and without the denomination.

NOTE: The activities listed are designed for goals in relation to State Mission Boards of the affiliated State Baptist Conventions. The list is not exhaustive. All of these activities are expected to be implemented in any

one state. Only those that will apply to a particular situation are expected to be implemented. To assist in every possible way, the resources of the National Missions Board are at the disposal of state, District Board, Committees and Associations.

A telegram from Dr. S. A. Owen, who was on the program, was read stating his inability to be present because he was indisposed. President Stinson presented Dr. T. R. Washington, president of the Eastern Regional Convention for remarks. Dr. Washington gave inspiring and encouraging remarks and presented Dr. Pacetti, president of the Progressive Baptist State Convention of Pennsylvania, who gave cordial greetings.

The president, having sent for the women to come in and hear the introductory sermon, commented on the necessity for the Southern Regional Convention to speak out on matters of public concern. He will appoint a resolution committee for this purpose. The convention sang, "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Rev. A. J. Alford, the host pastor of the Southern Regional Convention last year, served as the alternate. He read Luke 18:28-34 and asked the pianist to play "I Need Thee, Every Hour." Dr. D. N. Conner was presented for the introductory sermon.

Dr. Conner said he is here because he is a Baptist and a free Baptist. He chose for his text Luke 18:37 and subject, "The Nearness of Christ." Dr. Conner's message was very fervent and inspiring.

The finance committee received the public offering, amounting to \$35. Announcements. Closing hymn "Bless Be The Tie." Benediction by Dr. Conner.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 18, 1964

The convention reassembled at 2:15 P.M. Rev. A. Edwards conducted devotions. Rev. J. W. Walker, Fla., lifted our souls with a very fervent prayer.

President Stinson named the Place Committee as follows: Reverends: C. Ward, Georgia; W. E. Young, Florida; A. E. Banks, Alabama; S. R. Randolph, Georgia; W. S. Randolph, South Carolina; D. N. Conner, Florida; and J. F. Williams, Virginia.

Dr. O. R. Reuben, President of Morris College, Sumter, S. C., was presented by Dr. C. A. Cherry of Benedict College, Columbia, S. C. Dr. Reuben discussed the theme, "Witnessing Through Christian Education." He gave a brief resume of the relation between the church and higher education in America. The Puritans founded Harvard, the first college in America, to prepare effective witnesses. The church related college is needed to help the church solve its problems. This was a fine provocative message by Dr. Reuben.

Rev. J. O. Rich, S. C., discussed the theme, "Witnessing Through Devotional Life." Jesus commanded his disciples after his resurrection to be his witnesses. We witness to the death of Christ, redemption through his name. We must witness to our repentance and forgiveness of sins. Witnessing through our devotional lives, we become able to cope with the tasks of life which confront us.

It was time for the afternoon sermon. Rev. W. E. Young, Fla., was called upon to serve as the alternate. He read John 1:1-5 and lined the hymn, "Charge To Keep I Have."

Rev. J. H. Lockett, Ga., was presented for the afternoon sermon. He chose for his text John 1:9 and his subject was "The Eternal Light." The eternal light is without beginning and without ending. This is a simple light. It is an immutable light. Jesus was eternal in his acts. He gave us an eternal gospel.

Rev. W. E. Young led the convention in singing, "Everybody Say Amen." The sermon and song provided a spiritual feast for all present.

The president announced that we are to visit the Morris College campus for a reception.

Rev. D. N. Conner, Fla., announced that the Southern Baptists are building an integrated college out from West Palm Beach, Fla. Closing hymn "Bless Be The Tie That Binds."

Benediction by Rev. Lockett.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 18, 1964

At 7:15 P.M. Rev. E. Edward Banks conducted a song service with familiar hymns and a solo. He was assisted by Dr. John F. Williams at the console of the organ. The Community Senior Choir, the Community Gospel Choir, the Morris College Choir and the Community Junior Choir were present to contribute to the Program.

President Stinson presented Rev. Randolph, the host pastor, to conduct the Welcome Program. Rev. E. B. Burroughs conducted the devotions. Greetings were given by Mr. E. J. Thompson on behalf of First Baptist Church, Rev. W. P. Diggs on behalf of local churches, Rev. W. M. Stokes on behalf of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Dr. O. R. Reuben on behalf of colleges.

The Morris College Choir sang two classical numbers and one spiritual, which were highly appreciated by the audience. Greetings were extended by Mr. M. O. Ramsey representing the local schools and Mr. M. O. Mazursky on behalf of the city of Sumter. The Community Senior Choir rendered a selection followed by greetings from Mrs. Iola Jones, representing the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

The Community Junior Choir sang two selections. Dr. W. L. Wilson, president of the Missionary and Education Convention of South Carolina brought greetings on behalf of his State Convention. He stated that Negro Baptists in South Carolina, 350,000 strong, represented in three national Baptist conventions, but when they return to South Carolina, they are one. The immediate task of his State Convention is to raise \$250,000 for Morris College.

The response to the Welcome Program was made by Rev. J. H. Ferguson, North Carolina.

President Stinson announced that the scheduled preacher and his alternate were not present, but he had selected two young men to serve in the place of those scheduled to serve. Rev. Perry Smith, D. C., will preach the sermon and will be assisted by Rev. McAllister, South Carolina.

A selection, "Hail On King Jesus" was rendered by the Community Gospel Choir. Rev. McAllister read from Luke's Gospel and called upon Dr. Pacetti, Pennsylvania, to lead in prayer. The Gospel Choir sang "His Grace Is Sufficient."

Rev. Smith took for his subject, "The Joy of Rediscovery," based on Luke 15th chapter. He discussed the lost sheep, the lost son and the lost coin. He emphasized the need for renewed fellowship among preachers.

The finance committee took the evening offering, Amount \$56.26.

Announcements and Benediction by Rev. Perry Smith.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 19, 1964

At 9:00 A.M. Rev. A. Edward Banks, the director of music and devotional leader, opened the morning session with the hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," followed by "Jesus Paid it All." Rev. Banks gave a devotional message on the subject "The Silence of God," based on Hab. 2:1 and Psalm 131:1. His message emphasized that God needs to speak only once and it is done. He concluded the devotional period by singing, "Lift Him Up."

President Stinson took charge and made comments on the fine devotional messages delivered by Rev. Banks. He observed that neither preacher scheduled for the mid-day sermon was present and he had gotten Dr. T. R. Washington, Eastern Regional president to preach.

Rev. J. M. Douglas, Va., was presented for an address on the theme, "Witnessing Through Preaching." The preacher must be more than a sign post, that may be turned in different directions.

The preacher must be a demonstration of what he preaches. Preaching is the proclamation of the truth of God by man to men. Preaching must be Christ centered and spirit filled. Rev. Douglas' address was received with joy and appreciation.

Dr. L. Booth, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, was presented for his report. He read communications from Rev.

R. Lasley, J. H. Stokes, J. H. McKissack who were on the program. He could not be present. He also read excerpts from a brochure.

"Beauty From Ashes," dealing with the effort to raise money to rebuild churches in the state of Mississippi. He read a letter from Rev. D. R. Ragsdale, who could not be present, but who sent \$10. The convention was grown from 276 churches represented in Philadelphia in 1952 to 386 churches represented in Atlanta in 1964. One hundred forty churches have pledged to support the Voluntary Monthly Support Plan. His office has received \$178.75 since the annual session held in Atlanta. The American Baptist Convention has pledged to contribute to the executive secretary's travel, provided that the Progressive National Baptist Convention match their gift dollar for dollar.

President Stinson asked Dr. Booth to present Dr. Victor Glass of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Glass expressed his concern about our Baptist faith. He is not concerned about the color of it, nor the geography of it. There are 25,000,000 Baptists in the world and 23,000,000 in America. Outside of North America the name Baptist means nothing. Dr. Glass introduced Rev. A. T. Green who works with the Home Mission Board in the Columbia, S. C. office. He said Dr. Glass emphasized his desire for all Baptists to work together.

Rev. A. Edward Banks played and led in singing, "I Feel Like George On." Rev. S. R. Randolph read the scripture 2nd Timothy 4:1-18. Rev. J. W. Douglas sang the verses of "Lord, I Want To Live For Thee," and the congregation joined in singing the chorus. Dr. John F. Williams introduced Dr. Reverend Doctor T. R. Washington, Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and president of the Eastern Regional Convention for the mid-year session. Dr. Washington holds the Ph.D. degree and is one of our most scholarly preachers.

Dr. Washington expressed his appreciation to Dr. Stinson for asking him to preach. He chose for his text Psalm 127:1, "Except God Build The House, Our age is trying to change reality with substitutions. Many homes are a mess. We received more blessings from God when we were less prosperous. Marriages fail because God did not build them. Juvenile delinquency is due to parental delinquency. Dr. Washington climaxed his great gospel message by relating a dream he had that he went to heaven. He lifted the congregation. Dr. John F. Williams led the congregation in singing "I'll Overcome Someday." The congregation was electrified with the Holy Spirit. Rev. D. N. Conner took the leadership of the song and when he had finished singing requested that everybody shake hands. There was an old-fashioned hand shaking as tears flowed and hearts rejoiced.

The finance committee received the public offering. Amount \$25.

Rev. L. W. White, D. C., announced that the Eastern Regional Convention will meet in Washington, D. C. January 21-22 following the inauguration of President Johnson. The meetings will be held in New Bethany Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Koger and Shiloh Baptist Church, pastored by Dr. E. L. Harrison. The local committee will secure tickets for places on the inaugural parade route for those desiring them.

The place committee reported that the Southern Regional Convention will meet in 1965 at Zion Grove Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., pastored by Rev. J. H. Lockett. The report was adopted.

Closing hymn, "Bless Be The Tie."

Benediction by Dr. T. R. Washington.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 19, 1964

At 3:00 P.M. Rev. E. A. Banks directed the audience in singing, "Just Over In The Glory Land." Rev. A. H. Clark, S. C., led in prayer. Next was the singing of "Throw Out The Lifeline."

President Stinson named a Nominating Committee to bring in nominees for Regional Recording Secretary and Regional Vice-President. The Committee is composed of Reverends C. A. Cherry, S. C., Chairman, D. N. Conner, Fla., J. H. Lockett, Ga., A. H. Clark, S. C., W. E. Young, Fla., B. W. Chambers, Ga., and A. E. Banks, Ala.

Rev. W. E. Young reported for the Nominating Committee. Rev. A. E. Banks moved and it was seconded that the report be adopted. Motion carried. (See report).

The President announced a recess until 7:30 P.M.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The nominating Committee met at 3:25 P.M. with Chairman Cherry presiding. Rev. W. E. Young offered prayer. The Chairman announced our business; and the committee proceeded.

1. It was recommended that Brother L. J. Alford, West Palm Beach, Fla., be recommended to the Regional Convention for the Secretary of the Southern Region.

2. It was a unanimous vote that Rev. C. A. Cherry, Columbia, S. C., be recommended for Vice-President of the Southern Region.

No further business, the committee proceeded to close.

Rev. C. A. Cherry, Chairman
Rev. W. E. Young, Secretary
Rev. D. N. Conner
Rev. J. H. Lockett
Rev. B. W. Chambers
Rev. A. H. Clark
Rev. A. Edward Banks

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 19, 1964

At 7:15 P.M. Rev. A. Edward Banks conducted a song service with familiar hymns. Rev. A. T. Green from the Columbia office of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, offered a prayer. Following the singing of more hymns, Rev. J. H. Lockett, Ga., read the 24th Psalm, "Higher Ground" was sung by the congregation. Dr. J. P. Reeder, former corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, was asked upon for remarks and he responded graciously. Singing, "What A Fellowship."

President Stinson presented Mrs. D. N. Conner, president of the Southern Regional Convention's Women's Auxiliary for remarks and to present Dr. Yve Modana Arbouin, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Arbouin has just returned from a thirty day visit to Japan and has had time to go home before coming to the Southern Regional Convention. She had stopped in California with President Chambers and related his greetings to the convention. She was highly pleased with the growth of the women's auxiliary in the southern region, from one church and seven members last year to the number represented in this year's meeting.

The Benedict College Concert Choir was present and Dr. Bacoates, president of Benedict College made some introductory remarks. The choir sang two classical numbers and concluded with the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Dr. Barnette, in a very fine way, introduced the speaker of the evening, Gordon C. Taylor, vice-president-at-large of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Mr. Taylor made some stimulating remarks concerning the social progress of the south and its great potential to become the favored section of the country. He played the greetings of President Chambers to Dr. Stinson and Southern Regional Convention.

His subject was "The Blessedness of Singleness of Purpose." The influence of the Apostle Paul is second only to Jesus Christ. What was the secret of his power? It was not his physical appearance. It was not in his eloquence. It was not his physical energy. It was not even his saintliness. His secret was expressed in Phillip 3:13. His one theme was "Christ." The first thing he said was "Christ, etc." We have divided loyalties, trying to be true to Christ and to the self. "This one thing" was the motivating power in Paul's life. Anyone who makes a similar commitment is bound to be victorious.

The Benedict College Concert Choir sang, "Let Us Cheer The Weary Pilgrim."

Offerings: The Women's Auxiliary reported \$117 raised in this session. The total amount raised as \$889.63.

Rev. A. E. Banks moved and Rev. Conner seconded the motion that give the host pastor and church a rising vote of thanks for the entertainment. The motion was adopted by the convention standing.

Dr. Taylor made a few farewell remarks. Dr. Glass and Rev. Green pressed their appreciation for being present today.

Closing hymn, "Take The Name Of Jesus With You."

Closing prayer by President O. H. Stinson.

Dr. O. H. Stinson, Southern Regional President

Dr. S. S. Hodges, Recording Secretary