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CONFERENCE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 10:00 A. M.

The Mississippi Annual Conference was called into the One Hundred Eighty-Second Session by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

Prayer: Rev. Marc Williams

President Rev. Carlos Dawson II presented the program to the Conference for consideration. Motion to adopt the program by Rev. Marc Williams, seconded by Rev. Matt Lambert. The program was adopted.

Group I Committees were appointed.

Recessed for Committee Work.

Called to order by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

Rev. Bobby Dawson presented the report from the Rules of Order Committee. Rev. Bobby Dawson moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Marc Williams. The report was adopted.

Rev. Newton Pertuit gave a partial report from the Credentials Committee. Rev. Newton Pertuit moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Marc Williams. The report was adopted.

All members of the Conference were called to the bar at this time.

Roll Call

Ministers	11
Unstationed Ministers	0
Superannuates	0
Undergraduates	1
Deaconess	1
Lay Delegates.....	18

Rev. Carlos Dawson II gave a partial report from the District Committee. Rev. Marc Williams moved its adoption. Rev. Matt Lambert seconded the motion. The report was adopted.

Rev. Newton Pertuit gave a partial report from the Credentials Committee. Rev. Newton Pertuit moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Marc Williams. The report was adopted.

Wednesday, 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

The Communion Committee was called to serve Communion.

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Jane Boyd

Song: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Song: *Blessed Assurance*

Special Song: *In the Presence of Jehovah*, Donna Rose

Introduction of Speaker by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II

Speaker: Dr. Rob Pocai, President of the Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: Be a Contender of the Faith

Scripture: Jude 1:3

Prayer: Dr. Rob Pocai

Are you a contestant or a contender?

Contestants enter the game just to participate.

A Contender is one who enters the game with a reasonable chance of winning the game.

Verse four gives a warning of those who “crept in” unawares.

How can we contend for the faith?

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Avoid drifting.

Let's contend for the faith and avoid drifting.

Wesley was concerned that Methodists would exist only as a "dead sect".

Hold fast to the doctrine, spirit, and discipline.

Hebrews 2:1—give earnest heed lest they drift.

Pay Attention.

Don't Drift.

Listen to what we have heard.

Drifting starts in the heart, is a slow process, and requires no effort.

Drifting is an unconscious process.

Drifting never goes upstream and always increases in speed going in the wrong direction. It is dangerous for others and usually ends in tragedy.

Don't forget the truth we've been taught and shown.

The first way to overcome drifting is to row—go against the stream.

We must set an anchor and then allow the wind of the Spirit to fill our sails moving us upstream against the current.

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer: "I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen."

Recessed in prayer and the blessing for the noon meal by Rev. Newton Pertuit.

Wednesday, 1:30 P. M. Business Session

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Jane Boyd

Song: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Prayer: Rev. Billy Martin

Introduction of devotional speaker by Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

Devotion Speaker: Rev. Marc Williams, President of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church

Topic: Be A Living Sacrifice

Scripture: Mark 14:32-42

John Hyde, known as Praying Hyde, prayed so hard that he died while praying.

Gethsemane intercession.

Are you willing to die to yourself that you can be a living sacrifice in a Gethsemane Intercession.

Jesus is calling on you to be an intercessor—are you willing to do it?

God wants us to be intercessors and soul winners.

Called to order by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

Rev. Newton Pertuit presented a partial report from the Credentials Committee. Rev.

Newton Pertuit moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by Rev. Matt Lambert.

The report was adopted.

The floor was turned over to the Secretary for the President's Report.

The President's Report was given by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II. Motion to accept by John Weston, seconded by Donis Chatham. Report was accepted.

Floor returned to the President

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Henry Carmichael. Henry Carmichael

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moved it be accepted as given. Seconded by John Weston. Report was accepted.
Recessed for five minutes to prepare for elections.

Called to order by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

The Elections Committee was called to hold elections.

Rev. Carlos Dawson II nominated Rev. Bobby Dawson for President.

Rev. Carlos Dawson II was nominated.

Donis Chatham moved that nominations be closed. Rev. Matt Lambert seconded the motion. The nominations were closed.

Ballots were collected to be counted by the Elections committee. The results will be reported at the morning session on Thursday.

Floor returned to the President.

Group II Committees were appointed at this time.

Recessed in prayer by Rev. Bill Hearne.

Wednesday, 7:00 P. M. Worship Service

Welcome by Rev. Carlos Dawson II President.

Prayer: Rev. Wayne Sellers

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Jane Boyd

Song: *Onward Christian Soldiers*

Song: *Rock of Ages*

Special Music: *Help Is on the Way*, Robert & Peggy Johnson

Prayer: Rev. Carlos Dawson II

Speaker: Dr. Rob Pocai, President of the Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: Contending for the Faith

Scripture: Ephesians 6:11-18

We need to avoid drifting.

Instead of drifting we need to be running to God.

Wearing the Full Armor of God is needed to contend for the faith.

Look past the mess and love on people with the Love of Christ.

How often do we have misplaced focus instead of focusing on God.

Sometimes in the church we must absorb some blows to show the love of God.

We can be prepared in the full armor of God.

We can be strong – in the Lord.

Nihilism – I can do what I want – nothing matters.

The world right now is in “sin insanity.”

1. The Belt of Truth
2. The Breastplate of Righteousness – protects the vital organs.
Does righteousness cover your heart? Guard your heart.
3. Feet shod with the Gospel of Peace.
Peace binds us together and only comes from Jesus Christ.
4. The Shield of Faith
Believe God to protect and defend you against the attack of the enemy.
5. The Helmet of Salvation.
There is a battle raging for our minds. The Helmet protects us from these attacks.
Every choice matters – the battle of our minds.
6. The Sword of the Spirit
The Sword is the Word of God
God’s Word is absolute truth that we can stand on.
Do you have a “go to” verse that you go to when under attack.
7. Pray in the Spirit

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Talk to God anytime and every time.

If we are going to contend for the faith, we must be people of prayer.

Is there something we should be adding that we are not wearing?

Our Savior has already been more than a conqueror.

Are we going to be the people of God?

Prayer: Dr. Rob Pocaí.

Thursday, 8:30 A. M. Business Session

Prayer: Rev. Billy Frazure

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Jane Boyd

Song: *Faith Is the Victory*

Introduction of devotion speaker by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

Devotion Speaker: Rev. Jimmy Williams

Topic: Getting Rid of Sacred Cows

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9

2 Kings 18:4

The creation is worshipped instead of the Creator.

The symbol should have been a reminder but instead was being worshipped.

We have things replacing God in the church.

We also see the other extreme—we become so tolerant that we lose sight of God.

Mark 7:6-8 Jesus said that man would replace the doctrines of God with the ideas of man.

We have to change if what we're doing isn't working.

Don't hang on to the old just because it's old.

Don't change for the sake of change.

Don't grab the new just because it's new.

Grab onto the new if it's biblical and can build the body of Christ.

We can't change the world until we change ourselves. We must love as Christ loved.

Prayer: Rev. Jimmy Williams

Called to order by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

All members called to the bar at this time.

Roll Call

Ministers..... 12

Unstationed Ministers 0

Superannuates 0

Undergraduates 2

Deaconess..... 1

Lay Delegates..... 15

Minutes were read by the Secretary. Motion to accept by Rev. Matt Lambert. Rev.

Marc Williams seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Elections Committee was called to report the result of the counting of the ballots.

Rev. Marc Williams presented the report from the Finance Committee. Rev. Marc

Williams moved it be adopted. Seconded by John Weston. The report was adopted.

Rev. Bobby Dawson presented the report from the Audit Committee. Rev. Bobby

Dawson moved its adoption. Rev. Newton Pertuit seconded the motion. The report was adopted.

Henry Carmichael presented a correction to the Treasurer's Report updating the amount of money in the Tabernacle Lighting Fund. Rev. Matt Lambert moved it be accepted. Seconded by Dianne Reid. The amended report was accepted.

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Recessed for committee work in prayer by Carl Grice.

Thursday, 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Called to order by Rev. Carlos Dawson II, President

Prayer: Rev. Bill Hearne

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Jane Boyd

Song: *Victory in Jesus*

Song: *Heaven Came Down*

Special Song: *I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy*, Darlene Dawson

Introduction of Speaker by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II

Speaker: Dr. Rob Pocai, President of the Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: Live Counter Cultural

Scripture: Daniel 3

God's mercy is new every morning.

I want all God has available for me.

This world is a dressing room for eternity—we're just passing through.

Culture says ignore the dirty and the messy. But we go after them with love.

God can radically transform the hardest case.

The three Hebrew children went against the grain. They refused to do what everyone else was doing.

We must have convictions in our lives that are founded on the Word of God.

The three Hebrew children stood for truth.

Are we going to stand for truth or not?

The three Hebrew children lovingly rejected the easy way out. They knew the people were watching them.

God calls us to holiness—to a holy walk, life.

Keep our eyes focused on God—Seek only the kingdom of God.

We're going to live for another world.

Prayer: Dr. Rob Pocai

Recessed in prayer and the blessing for the noon meal by Courtney Tidwell.

Thursday, 1:30 P. M. Memorial Service

Rev. Carlos Dawson II called the conference to order.

Prayer: Robert Johnson

Rev. Carlos Dawson II read a partial report from the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee. Rev. Marc Williams moved the report be accepted. Rev. Matt Lambert seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

Rev. Marc Williams presented a report from the Fraternal Relations Committee. Rev. Marc Williams moved it be adopted. Seconded by John Weston. The report was adopted.

The report from the Memorials Committee was presented by Rev. Marc Williams.

Opportunities to speak were given for anyone to speak about these memorials.

The list of Memorials will be found in the reports section of the Minutes.

Recessed for Council of Religious Education Committee Meeting.

Floor returned to the President.

Recessed for committee work in prayer by Kelsey Lambert.

President Rev. Carlos Dawson II called session to order and turned the floor over to the General Conference President for the Presentation of General Conference Work.

Floor returned to the President.

President Rev. Carlos Dawson II called the conference back into session.

Rev. Wayne Sellers presented the report from the Evangelism Committee. Rev.

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Wayne Sellers moved its adoption. Seconded by Robert Johnson. The report was adopted.

Recessed for committee work in prayer by Dianne Reid.

President Rev. Carlos Dawson II called the conference back into session.

Rev. Carlos Dawson II presented a partial report from the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee. John Weston moved it be adopted. Seconded by Larry Graham. The report was adopted.

Recessed for committee work.

Thursday, 7:00 P. M. Worship Service

Welcome by Rev. Carlos Dawson II, President

Prayer: Rev. Bill Hearne

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by: Larry Graham

Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Song: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Special Song: *What a Day That Will Be*, Conference Quartet

Introduction of speaker by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

Speaker: Dr. Rob Pocai, President of the Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: Be a Contender of the Faith through Prayer

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14-18

Contend for the faith by avoiding drifting.

Contend for the faith by having the full armor of God.

Contend for the faith by living counter cultural—canoeing the mountains.

If we pray, we can move mountains.

If you ... Then God will

If my people will humble themselves and pray.

The act of praying says, "I need God."

God calls us to pray.

If my people will seek my face and turn from their wicked ways.

There is too much "treadmill repentance" in the church today.

We need to be like Joseph—leave your coat and run.

Then I will hear from heaven. God hears and answers prayers.

God said, "I will forgive their sin."

God promised to heal their land.

Pray and walk. Walk according to God's purpose and plan.

God wants us to walk with Him.

Our relationship with God is so important that we walk and talk with Him.

Recessed in prayer by Dr. Rob Pocai.

Friday, 8:30 A. M. Business Session

Welcome by Rev. Carlos Dawson II, President

Prayer: Chris Smith

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Larry Graham

Song: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Introduction of Speaker by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II

Devotion Speaker: Rev. Billy Martin

Topic: Don't Live in Guilt

Scripture: 1 John 1:3-10

Living a life of guilt is not how we're supposed to live.

We have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ His Son.

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Too many struggle with false guilt.

When you repent and confess your sins, believe that Jesus' Blood is able to cleanse you and He will forgive you.

False guilt will keep you from being victorious.

True guilt leads to the cross and forgiveness.

Be the Light you are called to be.

Called to order by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

All members called to the bar at this time.

Roll Call

Ministers 10

Unstationed Ministers0

Superannuates0

Undergraduates3

Deaconess0

Lay Delegates.....10

Minutes were read with corrections by the Secretary. Motion to accept as corrected by Larry Graham. Jeff Little seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

The Elections Committee were called to hold the elections for General Conference delegates. The results are listed on page 21.

Rev. Newton Pertuit presented the report from the Board of Church Extension. Rev. Newton Pertuit moved it be accepted. John Weston seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins presented the report from the Deaconess Board. Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins moved its acceptance. Seconded by John Weston. The report was accepted.

Rev. James Roy Killingsworth presented the report from the Superannuate Fund Board. Rev. James Roy Killingsworth moved it be accepted. Seconded by Rev. Newton Pertuit. The report was accepted.

Recessed until the 11:00 A.M. Worship Service.

Friday, 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Called to order by Rev. Carlos Dawson II, President

Prayer: Jason Cameron

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Larry Graham

Song: *Love Lifted Me*

Special Song: *I Can't Even Walk (Without You Holding My Hand)*

Prayer: Rev. Carlos Dawson II

Introduction of Speaker by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II

Speaker: Dr. Rob Pocai, President of the Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: Contending for the Faith

Scripture: Jude 1:1-3

Contend for the faith by avoiding drifting.

Contend for the faith by having the full armor of God.

Contend for the faith by living counter cultural—canoeing the mountains.

Contend for the faith through prayer.

Contend for the faith by pursuing holiness.

There's nothing better than the wind of the Holy Spirit behind us filling us as we pursue the Lord.

The Holy Spirit pursues us. He is the "Hound of Heaven."

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David prayed, Out of nothing create a pure heart in me.

We must respect God's Grace.

How do we redeem the screen?

Personal fellowship is critical to standing for the faith.

Rely fully on God.

We must fully surrender to Christ.

Where are we today with respect to God's grace?

Forgetting what is behind, I press on to the prize.

Keep pursuing holiness building yourself up in the faith.

To really contend for the faith, pursue holiness.

Prayer: Dr. Rob Pocaí.

Blessing for meal by Debbie Little.

Called to order by President Rev. Carlos Dawson II.

Prayer: Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins

Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins presented the report from the Thanks Committee. Rev. Mrs.

Jenkins moved its adoption. Jeff Little seconded the motion. The report was adopted.

Rev. Carlos Dawson II presented a report from the Trustees and Board of Directors for the Campground. John Weston moved it be adopted. Seconded by Rev. James Roy Killingsworth. The report was accepted.

Rev. Billy Frazure moved that we move forward with getting plans laid out to build a cottage style girl's dorm. Vicki Leighton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Rev. Carlos Dawson II read the Plan of Appointments.

Rev. Newton Pertuit reported that there were no appeals. Rev. Newton Pertuit moved that the report be adopted. Seconded by John Weston. Report was adopted.

Minutes were read by the Secretary. Larry Graham moved to approve the minutes as read. Jeff Little seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Motion to adjourn by Rev. Newton Pertuit.

The One Hundred Eighty-Second Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference adjourned with prayer at the altar for President Carlos Dawson II by Rev. Marc Williams. The next Regular Session convenes at 10:00 A.M. on June 19, 2024, at the Mississippi Headquarters and Campground of the Methodist Protestant Church, five miles west of Collins, Mississippi.

General Conference Delegates

Ministerial Delegates:

Rev. Bobby Dawson
Rev. Carlos Dawson II
Rev. Billy Frazure
Rev. Matt Lambert
Rev. Newton Pertuit
Rev. Wayne Sellers
Rev. Marc Williams

Alternate:

Rev. Jimmy Williams
Rev. Billy Martin
Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins
Rev. James Roy Killingsworth
Rev. Bill Hearne

Nominating Committee Minister:

Rev. Wayne Sellers

Lay Delegates:

Henry Carmichael
Angel Hosey
Robert Johnson
Jeff Little
Gloria McConnell
Dianne Reid
Courtney Tidwell

Alternate:

Donna Rose
Darlene Dawson
Larry Graham
Jon E. Roberson
Debbie Little

Nominating Committee Layperson:

Dianne Reid

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to the One Hundred and Eighty Second Session of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Stationing Committee was able to assign a minister to most of our churches. There were three churches this past Conference year "left in the hands of the President".

Coxburg, New Hope, and Crossroads.

I did some investigation into the Coxburg Church and after finally getting in touch with someone there found out that the church closed due to Covid lockdowns and hasn't reopened. Tracy Eldridge was not interested in pursuing anything further with our denomination and no further communication has been had with the people there at Coxburg.

None of our churches that are open have had to go without a preacher any Sunday this conference year to my knowledge. We have been blessed to have so many Preachers who have been willing to drive long distances to see that churches have had a preacher in the pulpit preaching at our churches!!

During this conference year, I assigned Kelton Lee as pastor to Crossroads MPC on 1/30/2023.

I also assigned Marlo Seaneay as Pastor to Bear Creek Methodist Protestant Church and reassigned Vernon Murry to pulpit supply as he was needed to help keep the doors open at Green Lodge Congregational Methodist Church which has been under our Pastoral care for the last 10 years.

Lastly, I assigned David Lane to Pastor Castle Chapel Methodist Protestant Church with the agreement we would reassess at Conference 2024.

I have met twice with the District Committee this year, had an urgent meeting with the stationing committee after conference, I have been at all the MEAR committee meetings, led the nominating committee meeting, and attended all meetings that were required for the president to attend. It has been an honor serving as your president.

I want to bring this up again because of the importance of our denomination understanding that this Camp is OUR Camp, and OUR property is in decline and really needs some attention. If we as individual churches don't take some initiative to come and do what we can to preserve this Camp, we are going to lose it to neglect. All that needs to be done, cannot be done by the few people that are elected to committees that oversee this campground and we need our churches to start setting up workdays to come and do something even if it is just to clean up a building.

We did have some storm damage and had work done on several of the buildings. Our roofs are in good shape but there are other things needing attention.

A big thanks to Richie Little for repairing the floor in the upper West side bathroom.

A big thanks to the Layman's fellowship for adding the covered porch on the front of the Tabernacle.

Thanks to those who came to our workday in May to help clean up the property for the Church of Christ group that was coming in the first week of June. We replaced 8-10 blinds in the girl's dorm, repaired several toilets, and cleaned the Worker's cottage, tabernacle, and girls dorm. We also cut grass and cleaned up the property for the Tent revival that was being held the following weekend.

Thanks to everyone who helped to keep the grass cut during this past conference year. Clear Creek Church came several times to cut the property.

We have had workdays where many volunteered and came out and gave of themselves to help keep up the property.

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Thanks also to Matthew Dawson for helping me get the property ready for conference by cutting grass and cleaning up a lot of the limbs off the property.

I have been honored to speak at several of our churches as the MS Conference President. I have spoken at Cross Point, Neely, Castle Chapel, Clear Creek, and Cross Roads. If your church desires to have the Conference President, whoever it may be, come to your church, call them, and set up a Sunday that works for your congregation.

I assisted with the Tent Revival and appreciated the efforts of all those involved in making this happen. I have been told that we will be doing another tent revival in the CrossRoads Church community as soon as we can work out logistics and scheduling. I am looking forward to this event.

I have been having Pastor retreats consistently this year and I believe these retreats have helped us tremendously in alignment and partnership and in knowing more about the issues we are each facing.

For one of the Pastor retreats, we invited everyone to attend and had Bro. Billy Huddleston speak to the pastor's and lay leaders in attendance. I would like to thank Schamburgville MPC for allowing us to have this event at their church. It was a wonderful event and I believe everyone who attended really enjoyed the event.

These Retreats have also helped me to have a better vision for a future for our denomination. I, without reservation, believe God has a purpose for the Methodist Protestant Church. I pray that we will continue to be a movement that will convict, inspire, and incline people towards the heart of God. I pray that through us people will hear and know the message of holiness of heart and life and that they would experience the overcoming power of a sanctified life. I pray that through these meetings revival would come to our Pastor's which would spread to our churches, communities, State, and Nation. May it start with me!

John Wesley once said: "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."

Let's work in agreement with Wesley and do all we can!

I appreciate each of you, Pastor's, Pastor's wives, Church Leaders, and the congregations of the Mississippi Methodist Protestant Conference.

I hold each of you and your churches in my prayers. I pray that you have found over this past year that I have been available and compassionate to your needs and concerns. I want you to know that no matter what happens during elections this year, if you need me, I will always be available to my friends and family in Jesus. I want you to feel free to call me anytime.

In Christ's Service

Rev. Carlos Dawson II

President, The MS Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church

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Mississippi Annual Conference Treasurer's Report 2022-2023

Respectfully Submitted by:
Henry Carmichael, Treasurer



Church Annual Conference Claims

Church	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Totals
Bailey's													
Bear Creek													
Castle Chapel													
Clear Creek					\$ 546.07	\$ 555.61	\$ 526.79						\$ 1,628.47
Coxburg													
Cross Point													
Cross Roads	\$ 661.60			\$ 364.50			\$ 392.85			\$ 473.30			\$ 1,892.25
Divide	\$ 1,582.46	\$ 1,719.49	\$ 1,481.92	\$ 1,184.77	\$ 2,834.83	\$ 2,829.94	\$ 1,387.82	\$ 1,932.05	\$ 1,214.45	\$ 1,087.56	\$ 1,909.86	\$ 728.27	\$ 19,893.42
Forest Grove	\$ 428.41	\$ 1,003.03	\$ 452.10	\$ 392.04	\$ 462.83	\$ 522.94	\$ 398.94			\$ 1,808.88	\$ 600.05		\$ 6,069.22
Friendship	\$ 224.40		\$ 154.28		\$ 193.49				\$ 199.32		\$ 231.11		\$ 1,002.60
Golden Grove	\$ 1,041.33												\$ 1,041.33
Hickory Grove	\$ 111.32	\$ 47.35	\$ 120.67		\$ 79.26	\$ 119.02	\$ 108.02	\$ 59.46	\$ 124.85	\$ 126.17	\$ 117.92		\$ 1,014.04
Laurel		\$ 1,585.00										\$ 1,637.00	\$ 3,222.00
Monticello	\$ 2,113.21		\$ 1,620.52								\$ 1,695.54		\$ 5,429.27
Neely	\$ 1,048.00	\$ 448.00				\$ 1,098.00	\$ 568.00			\$ 1,079.70			\$ 4,771.70
New Hope													
Newton	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00		\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 5,225.00
Pineville												\$ 330.00	\$ 330.00
Schamburgville	\$ 2,195.49				\$ 3,248.08					\$ 3,029.62			\$ 8,473.19
Shiloh	\$ 428.89		\$ 1,040.98				\$ 1,563.78			\$ 1,202.43		\$ 864.99	\$ 5,101.07
Southern Pine					\$ 97.98								\$ 97.98
Total Assessments	\$10,310.11	\$5,277.87	\$5,875.47	\$2,416.31	\$7,937.54	\$5,600.51	\$4,946.20	\$2,466.51	\$2,013.62	\$9,282.66	\$5,029.48	\$4,035.26	\$65,191.54

GC Board of Missions

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Girls Dorm Building Fund				
Date	ITEMS	Debits	Credits	Balance
5/31/2022	Balance Forward			\$28,321.77
6/7/2023	Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,321.77

<i>Home Missions</i>				
Date	ITEMS	Debits	Credits	Balance
6/16/2022	Balance Forward			\$3,107.41
	Assessments:			
	Jun	\$ 45.36		
	Jul	\$ 23.22		
	Aug	\$ 25.85		
	Sep	\$ 10.63		
	Oct	\$ 34.93		
	Nov	\$ 24.64		
	Dec	\$ 21.76		
	Jan	\$ 10.85		
	Feb	\$ 8.86		
	Mar	\$ 40.84		
	Apr	\$ 22.13		
	May	\$ 17.76		
6/16/2023	Balance		\$286.83	\$3,394.24

<i>Tabernacle Lighting</i>				
Date	ITEMS	Debits	Credits	Balance
6/18/2022	Balance Forward			\$3,237.96
	MS WMS Branch Donation		\$400.00	
6/7/2023	Balance			\$3,637.96

<i>Superannuate Operating Fund</i>				
2022-2023	ITEMS	Payments	Credits	Balance
6/1/2022	Balance Forward			\$5,963.11
	MS Conference Assessments			
	Jun	\$200.00	\$805.22	
	Jul	\$200.00	\$412.20	
	Aug	\$200.00	\$458.87	
	Sep	\$400.00	\$188.71	
	Oct	\$250.00	\$619.92	
	Nov	\$250.00	\$437.40	
	Dec	\$250.00	\$386.30	
	Jan	\$250.00	\$192.63	
	Feb	\$250.00	\$157.26	
	Mar	\$250.00	\$724.98	
	Apr	\$750.00	\$392.80	
	May	\$350.00	\$315.15	
	Total:	(\$3,600.00)	\$5,091.44	
6/17/2023				\$7,454.51

<i>Certificate of deposit - Superannuate Fund Savings</i>				
<i>Riverhills</i>				
Date	ITEMS	Debits	Credits	Balance
6/1/2022	Balance Forward			\$ 27,320.74
	Interest Current Rate .6000		\$164.29	
6/17/2023	Balance			\$ 27,485.03

<i>Bible Camp</i>				
ITEMS	Debits	Assessments	Credits	Balance
Balance Forward 6/16/2022				\$25,887.48
MS Conference Assessments:				
Jun		\$946.98	\$900.00	
Jul		\$484.77		
Aug		\$539.66		
Sep		\$221.94		
Oct		\$729.06		
Nov		\$514.41		
Dec		\$454.31	\$150.00	
Jan		\$226.55		
Feb		\$184.95		
Mar		\$852.61	\$300.00	
Apr		\$461.96		
May		\$370.64	\$150.00	
Total Conference Assessments:		\$5,987.84		
Southern Pine Credits			\$97.98	
Trailers			\$300.00	
Total Credits			\$1,897.98	\$7,885.82
Bible Camp Expenses:				
Jun	\$1,197.74			
Jul	\$14,005.00			
Aug	\$9,630.33			
Sep	\$5,987.04			
Oct	\$0.00			
Nov	\$843.68			
Dec	\$427.62			
Jan	\$633.99			
Feb	\$100.00			
Mar	\$8,903.30			
Apr	\$414.10			
May	\$1,012.46			
Bible Camp Expenses:	(\$43,155.26)			(\$43,155.26)

<i>Certificate of deposit - Church Extension</i>				
<i>BancorpSouth</i>				
Date	ITEMS	Debits	Credits	Balance
6/8/2022	Certificate of deposit			\$ 203,804.63
	Interest .55		\$918.11	
6/8/2023	Balance			\$ 204,722.74
<i>Certificate of deposit - Church Extension</i>				
<i>BancorpSouth</i>				
Date	ITEMS	Debits	Credits	Balance
6/8/2022	Certificate of deposit			\$ 59,238.90
	Interest Current Rate 1.35		\$206.88	
6/17/2023	Balance			\$ 59,445.78

Southern Pine:				
Jun	\$1,614.00			
Jul				
Aug	\$1,959.23			
Sep				
Oct				
Nov	\$743.68			
Dec				
Jan	\$177.50			
Feb	\$ 1,011.80			
Mar	\$314.10			
Apr	\$279.71			
May	\$257.79			
Southern Pine:	(\$6,357.81)			
North Covington Water:				
Jun	\$0.00			
Jul	\$0.00			
Aug	\$49.00			
Sep	\$77.00			
Oct	\$0.00			
Nov	\$0.00			
Dec	\$0.00			
Jan	\$0.00			
Feb	\$0.00			
Mar	\$0.00			
Apr	\$0.00			
May	\$0.00			
North Covington Water:	(\$126.00)			
Total Water/Power:	(\$6,483.81)			
Balance 6/17/2023				(\$9,381.96)

C.O.R.E.				
	ITEMS	Debits	Credits	Balance
	Assessments:			
	Jun	\$ 567.06		
	Jul	\$ 290.28		
	Aug	\$ 323.15		
	Sep	\$ 132.90		
	Oct	\$ 436.56		
	Nov	\$ 308.03		
	Dec	\$ 272.04		
	Jan	\$ 135.66		
	Feb	\$ 110.75		
	Mar	\$ 510.55		
	Apr	\$ 276.62		
	May	\$ 221.94		
6/16/2023	C.O.R.E. Payment			\$3,585.53

**Note Recoverable - CrossPoint Church
Church Ext Loan**

ITEMS	Interest	Payments	Balance Due
Balance 6/10/2022			\$25,753.88
Balance 6/17/2023			\$25,753.88

**Note Recoverable - Clear Creek Church
Church Ext Loan**

ITEMS	Interest	Payments	Balance Due
Balance 6/10/22			\$1,350.00
Balance 6/16/23			\$1,350.00

Camp Upkeep/Conference Expenses/Memorials

Church	Assessment	Annual Budget	Bible Camp	Council Rel. Education	Home Ms.	Superann.	Camp/Trailer	Con. Exp.	Lights	Carmichael	Totals
Bear Creek			\$ 150.00					\$ 150.00			
Castle Chapel											
Clear Creek								\$ 150.00			
Coxburg											
Cross Point											
Cross Roads											
Divide Memorial			\$ 150.00								
Forest Grove											
Friendship								\$ 550.00			
Golden Grove											
Hickory Grove											
Laurel								\$ 200.00			
Monticello			\$ 300.00								
Neely											
New Hope											
Newton			\$ 150.00				\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00			
Pineville			\$ 150.00				\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00			
Shamberville			\$ 150.00					\$ 150.00			
Shiloh			\$ 150.00					\$ 150.00			
Carmichael											
Memorials											
Carlos Dawson											
WMS Branch									\$ 400.00		
Jan Russell											
Rachel Bost										\$ 35.00	
Donald Reid										\$ 250.00	
Gloria McConnell										\$ 200.00	
Southern Pine											
WMS Branch											
Bones										\$ 200.00	
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,850.00	\$400.00	\$685.00	\$4,235.00

MS District of the Methodist Protestant Church

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

ACCOUNTS	2021-2022				2022-2023
	BALANCE FORWARD	RECEIPTS	INTEREST EARNED	DISBUR.	BALANCE
GIRLS DORM	\$ 28,321.77				\$ 28,321.77
HOME MISSIONS	\$ 3,107.41	\$ 286.84			\$ 3,394.26
TABERNACLE LIGHTS	\$ 3,237.96	\$ 400.00			\$ 3,637.96
BIBLE CAMP	\$ 25,887.48	\$ 7,885.82		\$ (43,155.26)	\$ (9,381.96)
SUPERANNUATE OPERATING	\$ 5,963.11	\$ 5,091.46		\$ (3,600.00)	\$ 7,454.57
Carmichael Memorial	\$ 3,640.00	\$ 685.00			\$ 4,325.00
CHURCH EXTENSION	\$ 86,393.57				\$ 86,393.57
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 39,591.95				\$ 39,466.08
	\$ 196,143.25			TOTAL	\$ 163,611.25
CD's:					
BANCORP #1	\$ 203,804.63		\$ 968.11		\$ 204,772.74
BANCORP #2	\$ 59,238.90		\$ 206.88		\$ 59,445.78
Riverhills	\$ 27,320.74		\$ 164.29		\$ 27,485.03
Totals	\$ 486,295.99				\$ 455,314.80

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APPOINTED COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES OF ORDER

We, the Committee on Rules of Order, present the following rules to apply to all sessions of the One Hundred Eighty-Second Conference:

1. We will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, and the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church.
2. The middle section of the auditorium to be designated as the conference bar.
3. Rev. Bobby Dawson shall be designated as the parliamentarian.
4. Cell phones shall be silenced while in the auditorium.
5. All new business must be presented at least one session prior to being voted on.

Submitted by,
Rev. Bobby Dawson

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We, the Audit Committee have examined the financial records of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church on June 21, 2023 and to the best of our ability have found them to be in order.

We recommend that the Treasurer contact an outside individual or entity to perform an audit of the financial records of the Annual conference each year to assure that the finances remain in excellent order.

We express our appreciation to the Treasurer for the work that he does on behalf of the Conference and commend him for his efforts in maintaining efficient records.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bobby Dawson
Rev. Billy Frazure
Jon E. Roberson
Bobby Halase

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Evangelism, recommend the following:

1. That each church involve its members in “friendship evangelism” by forming meaningful relationships with lost people in their communities for the purpose of winning them to Christ. Most people who will not attend a church will come for a meal in the home of a friend.
2. That each church support and promote attendance to the annual Mississippi Bible Camp which has proven to be a significant instrument in bringing youth to Christ.

The Evangelism Committee
Rev. Wayne Sellers
Angel Hosey
Jimmy Williams
Larry Graham

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MEMORIALS

Following is a list of persons who were remembered at our Memorial Service on Thursday afternoon:

Bear Creek:	Robert Carmichael
Crosspoint:	Robert Quimby
Divide Memorial:	Brenda Adcock Sandra Howell
Forest Grove:	Sue Lambert Allison Platt
Friendship:	Kathleen Read
Neely:	Michael Hyde
New Hope:	Doyle Whitehead
Schamberville:	Mattie Roberts
Shiloh:	Virginia Burell Dovie Frazure Anita Lamb

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee submits the following for adoption:

1. That the churches continue to be consistent with their stewardship giving, based on regular receipts into the Annual Conference Treasury, and that this money be prorated as follows:
 - A. Annual Conference6.00%
 1. Annual Budget..... 3.50%
 2. Bible Camp..... 1.00%
 3. Home Mission 0.65%
 4. Superannuate 0.85%
 - B. General Conference5.00%
 1. Missions 3.00%
 2. General Budget..... 2.00%

Total 11.00%
2. That Special Offerings for all Mission Shares, Bible Camp Funds and other special projects be exempt from the 11% assessment.

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3. That all churches remit assessments of 11% on a monthly basis on the forms provided by the Annual Conference.
4. That the Annual Conference President be paid by the churches the prevailing governmental rates of travel for any Presidential visit. Also, that expenses of the President in connection with his official duties, including the prevailing governmental rates for travel not otherwise provided for, be logged and paid out of the budget.
5. That the Secretary of the Annual Conference and the Treasurer be paid actual expenses for any supplies and equipment needed, and for any special activities that they may be called upon to attend.
6. That the incidental expenses of the Conference be paid out of the Annual Conference budget.
7. That each church make a \$150.00 annual contribution for upkeep of the Church Camp and that those with permanent campers/trailers be assessed an annual fee of \$150.00. Other campers or travel trailers will be charged \$25.00/week, to be paid to the Annual Conference Treasurer.
8. That \$360.00 per month be given, as assessed by the General Conference, to the General Conference for the President's salary to be paid from the Annual Conference Budget.
9. That each church be assessed \$150.00 for the expenses of the meeting of the Conference.
10. That Minutes of this conference be printed and that the cost be paid from the Annual Conference budget.
11. That the treasurer be given the authority to manage any excess funds to the best interest of the Conference.
12. That the Conference Treasurer be given permission to use money from the Home Mission account at the request of the Conference President for the use of home mission work in the Mississippi District Boundaries with an emphasis on an outreach (church plant) in Covington county.
13. That each church be reminded to submit the single form Annual Church Report.
14. That the Conference Speaker be given a total \$1,200.00 for services and travel.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Rev. Matt Lambert

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

We, the Committee on Fraternal Relations wish to acknowledge the presence of the following distinguished guests and accord them an honorary seat in our Conference:

1. Dr. Rob Pocai, President of Kentucky Mountain Bible College.

Sincerely,
Rev. Reggie Smith, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

Thanks Committee—June 23, 2023.

We thank Our Lord for His amazing Presence at this Conference.

We thank everyone who attended, prepared, prayed, preached, and worked in any

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capacity and service to make this Conference one of the best.

We especially thank all of our friends from other churches and Conferences for your attendance.

We thank everyone who joined with us in official service to the Glory of God.

Rev. Maxine Jenkins, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

No resolutions were presented.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

This committee has not received any appeals.

Rev. Newton Pertuit

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUPERANNUATE FUND BOARD

We, the Superannuate Fund Board, wish to make the following recommendations:

The Pastors be paid \$1,200.00 each year, to be paid \$100.00 each month and that the beneficiaries be paid \$600.00 each year at \$50.00 per month.

Rev. Ralph Gerald \$1,200.00

Mrs. Darlene Dawson \$600.00

Mrs. Helen Jenkins \$600.00

Rev./Mrs. Maxine Jenkins \$600.00

Mrs. Marlene Renfroe \$600.00

The benefits will stay as they were last year with the exception of Rev. Bobby Cazelot will be added to be paid \$1,200.00 each year.

Rev. Harold Jackson and Mrs. Pat Smith will continue to be paid from the Louisiana Conference Funds.

Respectfully Submitted,
Superannuate Fund Board

THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the MEAR Committee of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, request that Rev. Peter Lanigan and Rev. Michael Tullis be removed from the ministerial roll due to joining other denominations. Rev. Peter Lanigan has joined the Church of the Nazarene and Rev. Michael Tullis has joined the Global Methodist Church.

We also met with candidates in the Methodist Protestant course of study for ordination and make the following recommendations:

- Luke Williamson—ready for ordination. He has requested to be ordained during camp. Bro. Carlos will work to grant this request.
- Earlene Edison—approved for placement in the third level of the course of study based on the report of completed work from Rev. Jimmy Williams.
- Cameron Burge—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- Jason Cameron—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- Roy Davis—approved to enter the first level of the course of study.
- Ronald Edison—approved for placement in the first level of the course of study. At the next meeting, this committee will review his formal degree to see what coursework can be exempted.
- Carl Grice—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- Kelsey Lambert—recommendation that she remain in the first level of the course of study.

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- Kelton Lee—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- Vernon Murry—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- Andrew Pearce—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- Marlo Seany—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- Chris Smith—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.
- John Weston—recommendation that he remain in the first level of the course of study.

The committee will continue to meet with those candidates to receive report of their progress in the coursework before the conference concludes.

The committee also reviewed the Pastors' Reports received this conference. Reports have been received from Rev. Bobby Dawson, Rev. Billy Frazure, Rev. Dan Henry, Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins, Rev. Matt Lambert, Rev. Billy Martin, Rev. Newton Per-tuit, Rev. Wayne Sellers, Rev. Reggie Smith, Rev. Michael Tullis, Rev. Marc Wil-liams, Bro. Jason Cameron, and Bro. Vernon Murry.

The MEAR committee met with Jim Rosier after receiving a letter of recommenda-tion from Neely Methodist Protestant Church and recommend he be placed in Level 1 of the course of study.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Ministerial Education and Relations Committee

CHURCH RELATIONS

No report was given.

DEACONESS BOARD

Deaconess Board—June 22, 2023.

Rev. James Roy Killingsworth was elected President and Rev. Maxine Jenkins was elected Secretary.

Mrs. Brandy Weston was reported as withdrawn from studies for Deaconess until a later time.

Deaconess Dianne Reid's report amazed us with the work she has done. We contin-ue to pray blessings on her dedication and work.

The discussion concerning the work of a Deaconess revealed greater awareness and importance of sharing those opportunities with local churches and pastors.

We feel good about any encouragements we can give.

Submitted by the
Rev. Maxine Jenkins, Secretary

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The Deaconess Board Mississippi Conference Methodist Protestant Church

1. The purpose of the Board shall be to create and maintain interest in the Deaconess Work, and to form policies and make recommendations regarding Deaconess work.
2. The duties of the Board shall be: (a) To review, evaluate, and report annually to the Conference the names, work, and standing of all Deaconesses within the Conference District, (b) To study and act upon Credentials received from Quarterly Conferences, (c) To arrange for the licensing and consecration services for those candidates who have completed the necessary requirements of the Deaconess Board, (d) Initiate and develop plans and pamphlets for the promotion of Deaconess work, (e) Determine the Course of Study for qualifications and standards of Deaconess Candidates, (f) To consider complaints and charges against Deaconesses; to act as a trial Court in case of a trial; and to make recommendations to the Annual Conference in regard to this aspect of their duty.
3. To meet annually and elect its officers, including an Executive Committee to act, if needed, during the interim of the Annual Meeting.
4. The Board's Annual report to the Conference shall be printed in the Conference Minutes.

DEACONESS COURSE OF STUDY

First Year:

Foundations of Doctrine, Harry E. Jessop
Life Of Christ, Dr. James Stalker
All About the Bible, Sidney Collett
Knowing Your Old Testament, W. T. Purkiser

Second year:

A Right Conception of Sin, Richard Taylor
A Plain Account of Christian Perfection, John Wesley
The Methodist Protestant Discipline
A Handbook for Personal Soul Winning, Chester Wilkins
Binney's Theological Compend, Amos Binney and Daniel Steele

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The District Committee met twice to address the issues with the merger of the Louisiana Conference and other issues that were assigned to the committee at conference. The General Conference Executive Committee has already redistricted the conference to include the districts that were encompassed in the Louisiana conference.

The Committee discussed the financial accounts of the LA conference and Jon Eric who is the LA conference treasurer has agreed to maintain the LA accounts and continue to pay the expenses until such time as a proper turnover can be achieved.

The LA conference currently has 3 superannuates: currently under their payment scheme (\$10/yr. of service) Harold Jackson receives \$160/mo.; Pat Smith receives \$95/mo.; Bobby Cazelot receives \$70/mo. The committee recommends that Harold and Pat continue to receive the current amount that they are getting from the LA ac-

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count until all the LA funds can be transferred into the MS Superannuate account, and that Bobby Cazelot be transferred to the MS Superannuate.

The district committee recommends that the pastors and delegates from the LA Conference upon their credentials being verified by the credentials committee be seated in the Conference.

The District Committee discussed the ID cards and believe it is something that is necessary for our ministers to have (ID cards). We recommend that the conference make the ID cards available to its preachers.

Bylaw #25 was discussed but no consensus was achieved during the meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
MS Conference District Committee

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

As acting Chairman, I am reporting that this committee had no request of members to meet with this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Newton Pertuit, Acting Chairman

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

No report was given.

STATEWIDE LAYMAN'S FELLOWSHIP

No report was given.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIBLE CAMPGROUND AND HEADQUARTERS and CONFERENCE TRUSTEES

No report was given.

COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Minutes of CORE Meeting, June 22, 2023

Rev. Carlos Dawson called the meeting to order in the absence of Council President, Rev. Mike Tullis. Bro. Carlos also gave a verbal report on the work of the Council during the course of this church year including a summary of the 2022 Bible Camp and the Spring Retreat held March 31 – April 1, 2023. Bro. Carlos gave camp information for the upcoming camp. Rev. Marc Williams will be the evangelist for the camp, Mrs. Gloria McConnell will serve as academic dean, Mrs. Angel Hosey will serve as children's church coordinator. Bro. Carlos presented the CORE treasurer's report on behalf of Richie Little.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Council President. Rev. Marc Williams nominated Rev. Billy Martin. Rev. Matt Lambert moved that nominations cease, seconded by Mrs. Darlene Dawson. All were in favor; none were opposed. Motion passed. Rev. Billy Martin was elected CORE President. Rev. Marc Williams moved that we retain all other officers with the secretary casting the ballot. This motion was seconded by Rev. Billy Frazure. All were in favor; none were opposed. Motion passed.

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Those elected were Hunter Vance, Vice-President; Donna Rose, secretary; Richie Little, treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned and the floor was returned to Rev. Carlos Dawson, MS Conference President.

To the 120th session of the Mississippi Annual Conference, I would like to present the following report:

At Bible Camp 2022 we had a total of \$18,982.25 received through registration fees and collections on Wednesday night. Pledges received throughout the last fiscal year totaled

\$7,225.00. Assessments received from the Conference totaled \$3585.53.

We were also blessed with the gift of \$10,000.00 given in memory of the late Rev. John Jenkins.

The total costs for Camp 2022 totaled \$26,051.20. This total includes all food, water park rental, donations to speakers, and insurance assistance to the MS Annual Conference.

The Spring Retreat was held and \$449.19 was spent for food.

The online donations still continue with more starting to utilize the service. In January the minimum monthly fee was raised to \$25.00. I contacted them and explained our usage of the service as a donation only service. A \$50.00 refund was issued to the C.O.R.E. account and a \$1.00 minimum fee was given to us. The fees remain at 2.9% of the transaction plus \$.30 per transaction. If this fee for the month is less than \$1.00, the minimum of \$1.00 will be applied.

We have two checks that were not reconciled. Check #972 was written for 1188.87 and a receipt for \$1138.87 was received. I have contacted them and the 50 dollar difference will be settled. Also check# 1004 was written for \$1500 to the MS Annual Conference and has not cleared the bank. I have also reached out to Henry and he is checking on this.

We would like to thank the following for contributing to the continuation of our Bible Camp through pledging and/or giving donations:

Angel Hosey

Laurel First MP Church

Richie and Angela Little

Jeff and Debbie Little

Lene' Dawson

John Riggs

Wayne and Cindy Renfroe

Luke Williamson

Matt and Kelsey Lambert

Alicia Daniels

Paul Williamson

Dianne Reid

Beverly Hesterman

Walter and Denise Weeks

James and Eloise Howell

Kittrell CM Church

These Pledges amounted to \$7,225.00

Beginning Balance June 1, 2022	\$29,326.872
Total costs for Camp 2022	\$26,051.20
Total collections/registration	\$26,207.25
Assessments for fiscal 2022/2023	\$3585.53
Bro. John Jenkins Memorial	\$10,000.00
Spring Retreat	\$449.19
Canteen Supplies for 2023	\$334.89
Current Balance for Cottage	\$4187.24
Current Collective Balance	\$43,443.34

Respectfully Submitted,
Richie Little, C.O.R.E. Treasure

LIFEGREEN CHE...	
\$43,443.34	
Info	Transfer
Deposit	Rewards
Card	
Transactions	Statements
Transactions	
PENDING	
DEPOSIT	\$1,000.00
	\$44,443.34
6/09/2023	
DEPOSIT	\$1,269.45
	\$43,443.34
6/01/2023	
MERCHANT SERVICE MERCH FEE	-\$3.52
MS COUNCIL OF xxxxxx9726	\$42,173.89
5/25/2023	
MERCHANT SERVICE MERCH DEP	\$50.00
MS COUNCIL OF xxxxxx9726	\$42,177.41

BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE

1. In the course of discussion or debate, no one shall speak more than five minutes at one time, nor more than twice on any subject.
2. No minister or preacher may hold membership in this Conference or be employed as pastor or evangelist, who does not definitely preach the doctrine of sanctification as that instantaneous act of God's grace subsequent to regeneration as taught by the Discipline in Article 10 of the Articles of Religion.
3. No pastor or preacher should accept an invitation to hold revival meetings or fill appointments in another pastoral charge without an invitation from the pastor of the said charge, but this should not apply to a charge not having a regular pastoral service.
4. Be it understood that this Conference condemns all unholy conversation and foolish jesting as it is grievous to the Holy Spirit.
5. All donations made by this conference are contingent upon the applicant for donation showing deed properly recorded and made in the approved form of The Methodist Protestant Church with no reservations. It is also understood that the amount donated is to be paid back to this conference should the same ever be sold as an extinct property of the church, in conformity to previous requirements of this conference.
6. It shall be the duty of each pastor to send the names of his respective delegates to the president sixty days before the assembling of each Annual Conference.
7. The Superannuate Fund shall be apportioned to the Superannuated or his Beneficiary, in proportion to the number of years he has served in active service to The Mississippi Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church.
8. The Conference shall appoint each preacher and minister a specific territory for pastoral service, and require each person so assigned to report to the Annual Conference each year as to the effort put forth in any way of forwarding the interest of The Methodist Protestant Church, said report to include the number of regular preaching places, number of sermons preached, number of churches organized, etc.
9. The legal title of property now owned, and to be acquired by the Mississippi Annual Conference, shall be vested in the Board of Trustees, composed of three members, namely the Conference President, who shall be chairman of said Board, and two members to be elected by said conference for a period of one and two years, respectively; and said title or titles to remain in said trustees and their successors in office until conveyed by them to their successors in office; but no conveyance shall be made unless previously authorized by a majority vote of said conference. The said trustees shall be made the custodians of said property with the same rights, duties and powers as is vested in the trustees of our local churches; and the President is given authority to fill any vacancy that might occur on said Board in vacation, and said appointee shall serve until the said conference meets and fill this place by election.
10. The Stationing Committee of the conference shall be composed of two (2) ministers and two (2) laymen, to be elected by ballot by the conference, and the President of the Conference shall be the Chairman of the committee. The four mem-

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bers so elected shall serve for twelve months only and act in an advisory capacity to the President during the interim of the conference.

11. Ministers and preachers coming from other denominations shall be regarded as probationers for three years, and they shall be required to study and pass examinations on the discipline, history and policy of our church. They shall not be deprived of the rights and privileges of an ordained minister, but their names may be dropped or placed on the itinerant roll at the expiration of their probation.
12. Delegates are allowed the same right of appeal as ministers from the action of the Stationing Committee.
13. The legal title of all land for the purpose of erecting church edifices to be acquired by the Mississippi Annual Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church from the date of this conference (December 1942) shall be vested in the board of trustees chosen of the membership of the local church, and said title or titles to remain in said trustees and their successors in office. The following shall be the only form of deed accepted by this conference: "In consideration of \$_____, we convey and warrant to (Name of local church) Methodist Protestant Church Trustees and their successors in office, the following described land, to wit: (Here describe the land). Said land can be used for the advancement of The Methodist Protestant Church only and can never be transferred to any other purpose than as stated above."
14. The Ministerial Education and Relations Committee shall be a continuous active committee, consisting of four ministers who are high school graduates or equivalent, and four laymen: one minister and one layman to be replaced each year by conference election: the Annual Conference President shall be ex-officio member, the Committee to elect its own chairman and secretary, who shall keep in contact with all undergraduates and who shall keep records.
15. Ordination shall be dependent upon serving a minimum of one year under the supervision of a pastor selected by the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee. Requirement may be waived by the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee based on prior ministerial experience.
16. The time of meeting of the Mississippi Annual Conference shall be Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in June, annually.
17. The President of The Mississippi Annual Conference is required to visit the churches of the district on the basis of need, or by specific request of the pastor and/or laity of the church until such a time as a full-time president shall be elected.
18. The Mississippi Annual Conference Trustees and one other minister and one other layman, elected by the conference to serve two years, the terms of office to expire in alternate years, shall now be elected and hereafter compose the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Methodist Protestant Bible Campground and Headquarters. This Board of Directors are hereby authorized to:
 - A. Approve plans, negotiate contracts, employ personnel, or any other acts necessary to construct, maintain and/or repair facilities at the camp.
 - B. Buy, sell, lease or mortgage camp facilities and any lands appertaining there-

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to, except that in no case shall any camp property be sold or mortgaged without the prior approval of the Mississippi Conference by a majority vote.

- C. Elect its own chairman, secretary and treasurer.
 - D. Minutes shall be printed each year as part of the Mississippi Annual Conference minutes.
19. No minister or layman of the Mississippi Conference shall be eligible to serve on more than two (2) standing committees, with the exception of the Stationing Committee, Nominating Committee and District Committee.
 20. Any minister who gives up his Elder's Credentials for whatever cause, whether voluntarily or by request or requirement of the conference, shall have them restored only on examination by the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee, and after serving a period of three years probation.
 21. The Methodist Protestant Bible School Campground near Collins, Mississippi, is the place of meeting for all major functions of the Mississippi District of the Methodist Protestant Church, and this facility is designated, **MISSISSIPPI HEADQUARTERS OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH**, and any permanent sign affixed thereto for publicity purposes shall bear this title.
 22. The fiscal year of the local churches shall be June 1 — May 31, and the Conference Treasurer shall close the books on June 10.
 23. The President's report shall be the first matter of business after the seating of the delegates to the Mississippi Annual Conference each year, so that the conference may be informed of his activities, along with appointments, etc., and also the recommendations that he may have for the conference. The Treasurer's report and standing committee reports shall be given along with the President's report.
 24. The Superannuate Fund Board is responsible for the management and disbursements of the funds under the by-laws of the conference.
 25. The Camp Meeting Committee and the Council of Religious Education of the Mississippi Conference shall unite their efforts and conduct a Camp Meeting and Bible School concurrently. All decisions concerning the Camp Meeting and Bible School shall be made in a joint meeting of the two committees including but not limited to the selection of all personnel, programs, plans, schedules, guest speakers, music leaders, and children's workers. All monies collected will be maintained by the Council of Religious Education and the Council will present the financial report with available funds to the joint committee for planning purposes. This joint committee shall also select a Director of the Camp Meeting and Bible School who will be charged with contacting and inviting any guest speakers, musicians or other persons. The President of the Mississippi Conference shall act as chairman at all joint meetings.
 26. Each church in the Mississippi District is to send an amount specified by the conference and the Finance Committee to the conference Treasurer to cover the expenses of the meeting of the Mississippi Annual Conference at the campgrounds.
 27. The Treasurer of the Mississippi Conference is authorized to handle only official money of the conference.

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28. The Nominating Committee shall be a permanent standing committee of the Mississippi Annual Conference, comprised of three (3) ministers, three (3) laymen and the President of the Annual Conference, to meet at least two (2) weeks prior to the sitting of the Annual Conference for the purpose of nominating persons to hold office and serve on the standing committees of the Mississippi Annual Conference, with the exception of the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, District Committee, Stationing Committee and Committee on Nominations, which are to be elected by secret ballot. This is not to impede the democratic process and every possible means shall be used to insure said process.
29. The District Committee of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church be authorized to serve as an advisory committee to the president of the Mississippi Conference.
30. All resolutions to be considered at a sitting of the Conference must be submitted to the president at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the Conference.

The District Committee shall act as the Resolutions Committee and consider all resolutions submitted and provide each delegate a copy of those considered worthy to be presented to the conference at least thirty (30) days prior to the assembling of the Conference.
31. Members of the Board of Church Extension shall be elected to serve for two years, one lay person and one minister to be elected each year.
32. The Church Relations Committee shall be designated a Standing Committee with staggered terms of two years, consisting of two ministers and two laymen.
33. The final order of business of the Mississippi Annual Conference shall be an installation service conducted by the sitting president at which time the President Elect shall assume all duties and responsibilities of President of the Mississippi Annual Conference. This shall only be effective when a new President is elected by the Conference.

The President Elect shall attend all committee meetings with the sitting President at which time the President Elect will receive a full update regarding the current state of the conference.

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Members Previous Year	Members Current Year	Average Attendance AM/PM	Sunday School Membership	WMS Membership
Bear Creek					
Castle Chapel	46				
Clear Creek	137				
Coxburg					
Cross Roads					
Cross Point	80	80	18/	—	—
Divide Memorial	173	185	70/25	45	15
Forest Grove	64	63	28/18	32	5
Friendship					
Golden Grove	15	15	15/	—	—
Hickory Grove	7	7	8/-	4	5
Laurel	84	85	20/	—	—
Monticello	83	84	42/15	25	5
Neely					
New Hope					
Newton	73	74	40/20	40	8
Pineville	5	5	7/	—	—
Schamberville	—	29	21/	10	9
Shiloh	75	79	30/20	18	8
Union					
Yeager					

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Laymen's Fellowship	JMS Membership	Youth Ministries	Number Justified	Number Baptized	Number Sanctified
Bear Creek						
Castle Chapel						
Clear Creek						
Coxburg						
Cross Roads						
Cross Point	—	—	—	—	—	—
Divide Memorial	10	0	40	3	1	—
Forest Grove	6	—	22	1	—	—
Friendship						
Golden Grove	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hickory Grove	—	—	—	0	0	0
Laurel	—	—	—	—	1	—
Monticello	—	—	25	—	—	—
Neely						
New Hope						
Newton	—	—	4	1	3	—
Pineville	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schamberville	7	—	—	3	1	0
Shiloh	6	—	4	—	—	—
Union						
Yeager						

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Total Offerings	Total Auxiliaries	Benevolence
Bear Creek			
Castle Chapel			
Clear Creek			
Coxburg			
Cross Roads	\$18,752.27	—	\$0.00
Cross Point			
Divide Memorial	\$182,224.07	\$9,860.00	\$6,200.00
Forest Grove	\$52,747.00	—	\$4,502.00
Friendship			
Golden Grove	\$12,232.98	\$0.00	—
Hickory Grove	\$13,625.00	—	\$829.80
Laurel	\$30,792.00	\$923.00	\$600.00
Monticello	\$74,189.80	\$4,633.15	—
Neely			
New Hope			
Newton	\$65,944.11	\$1,031.01	\$1,200.00
Pineville	\$11,815.52	—	—
Schamberville	\$67,980.00	\$0.00	—
Shiloh	\$56,212.63	\$1,140.00	\$534.50
Union			
Yeager			

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Operational Expenses	Evangelistic Outreach	Conference Tithes	Missions Expenses	Other
Bear Creek					
Castle Chapel					
Clear Creek					
Coxburg					
Cross Roads	\$15,838.29	—	\$1,692.85	—	—
Cross Point					
Divide Memorial	\$118,064.75	\$10,997.75	\$14,027.73	\$8,171.20	\$20,962.64
Forest Grove	\$25,348.00	—	\$3,660.00	—	\$23,019.00
Friendship					
Golden Grove	\$12,232.22	\$1,000.00	\$949.52	—	\$550.00
Hickory Grove	\$12,894.03	—	\$1,163.70	—	—
Laurel	\$23,906.69	\$500.00	\$4,318.00	\$1,900.00	\$700.00
Monticello	\$92,217.36	\$1,530.86	\$6,941.88	\$690.00	\$520.00
Neely					
New Hope					
Newton	\$54,117.84	\$5,242.27	\$5,700.00	\$884.00	—
Pineville	\$8,850.41	—	\$330.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Schamberville	—	\$2,000.00	\$7,478.00	—	—
Shiloh	\$40,556.71	—	\$4,672.18	—	—
Union					
Yeager					

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Asset Stats Church	Value of Buildings	Value of Parsonage	Other Assets
Bear Creek	\$285,000.00	—	—
Castle Chapel	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Clear Creek	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00
Coxburg			
Cross Roads	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	—
Cross Point	\$2,000,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$500,000.00
Divide Memorial	\$1,309,000.00	\$131,000.00	\$188,000.00
Forest Grove	\$456,000.00	\$178,000.00	\$30,000.00
Friendship	\$320,500.00	—	—
Golden Grove	\$40,000.00	—	—
Hickory Grove	\$100,000.00	—	—
Laurel	\$111,200.00	\$65,000.00	\$54,000.00
Monticello	\$614,000.00	292,000.00	\$1,577,000.00
Neely	\$350,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00
New Hope	\$232,400.00	\$162,400.00	—
Newton	\$300,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00
Pineville	\$60,000.00	—	—
Schamberville	\$400,000.00	\$250,000.00	—
Shiloh	\$200,000.00	—	\$50,000.00
Union			
Yeager			

