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3 yrs Rev. Bobby Dawson
4 yrs Rev. Reggie Smith

Dianne Reid
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Bear Creek.....	Mike Tullis
Castle's Chapel.....	Steven Carter
Clear Creek.....	Marc Williams
Coxburg.....	Hands of the President
Cross Roads.....	Dan Henry, III
Cross Point	LaDon Dawson
Divide Memorial	Carlos Dawson II
Forest Grove.....	Bobby Dawson
Friendship.....	James Roy Killingsworth
Golden Grove.....	Nate Ballard
Hickory Grove.....	Newton Pertuit
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Monticello	Peter Lanigan
Neely	Reggie Smith
New Hope	John Gerald
Newton	David Lane
Pineville	Maxine Jenkins
Sharp Memorial.....	Nate Ballard
Shiloh	Billy Frazure
Supply Pastor	Donna Sellers

CONFERENCE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016, 10:00 A. M.

The Mississippi Annual Conference was called into the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Session by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Prayer: Rev. LaDon Dawson, General Conference President

Piano: Jane Boyd

Song Service led by Rev. Mrs. Donna Sellers

Song: *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Song: *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

The program was presented to the Conference for consideration. Motion to adopt the program by Rev. LaDon Dawson, seconded by Wesley Cunningham. The program was adopted.

Group I Committees were appointed.

The 2016 Ballot was presented by the Nominating Committee for consideration at the elections in the afternoon session today.

Recessed for committee work in prayer by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Wednesday, 11:00 A. M. Communion Service

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Announcements and special prayer request by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Prayer: Rev. Reggie Smith

Song Service led by Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers

Song: *Glory To His Name*

Song: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Introduction of speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Speaker: Dr. Louie Bustle

Message: All Believers Need a Helper

Scripture: John 14:15-17

Many today want to do things in their own strength and ability.

“We need a holy helper.”

God’s plan is for us to be a holy people.

We become a new creation in Christ and quit sinning.

The Holy Helper will teach us all we need to know to live for God.

We need an inner strength to withstand the enemy. The Holy Spirit provides that needed inner strength.

“The Holy Spirit is given to us to help us in our weakness.”

There is victory if we want to follow Him.

Sometimes our weakness follows our habits.

We must bring our habits into harmony with a holy life.

How much of Jesus do we have?

Look at the work through the eyes of Jesus.

May God pour out His Spirit on us that we may have fresh power to work for Him.

Are you willing to say, “Here am I, Oh God.”

“If you love me, keep My commandments and I will give you a holy helper.”

“Lord, I need a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit.”

Prayer: President Rev. Marc Williams

Communion was served by the Communion Committee.

Recessed in prayer and blessing for lunch by Rev. Bobby Dawson.

Wednesday, 1:30 P. M. Business Session

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Rev. Donna Sellers

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Song: *Stand Up for Jesus*

Song: *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Prayer: President Rev. Marc Williams

Introduction of devotion speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams

Devotion Speaker: Rev. Dan Henry, III

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

Topic: The Problem of Pride

Towers provided security and significance.

Motivation is important. The problem with building the Tower of Babel was their reason for doing it. It was an act of pride.

We have a purpose that goes beyond ourselves.

What are you building your life for? Is it your agenda or God's will?

Called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Group I Committee Reports.

Rules of Order Committee report was submitted by Rev. Reggie Smith. Motion to accept by Rev. Reggie Smith, seconded by Rev. LaDon Dawson. The report was accepted.

The Credentials Committee partial report was submitted by Rev. Newton Pertuit. Motion to adopt by Rev. Newton Pertuit, seconded by Wesley Cunningham. Report was adopted.

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

Roll Call

Ministers	12
Unstationed Ministers	2
Superannuates	2
Undergraduates	1
Deaconess	1
Lay Delegates.....	17

Floor turned over to the Secretary for the President's Report.

The President's Report was given by President Rev. Marc Williams. Motion to accept by Wesley Cunningham, seconded by Rev. LaDon Dawson. Report was accepted.

Floor returned to the President.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Robert Quimby. Motion to accept by Rev. John Gerald. Seconded by Doyle Whitehead. Report was accepted.

Rev. Nate Ballard presented the report of the Board of Directors of the Campgrounds. Rev. Nate Ballard moved it's adoption. Seconded by Jon Weston. The report was adopted.

Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins presented a partial report for the Deaconess Board. Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins moved it be adopted. Seconded by Rev. John Gerald. The report was adopted.

Recessed for ten minutes before elections.

President Rev. Marc Williams called the Conference to order.

The Elections Committee was called to hold elections.

Prayer for elections by Rev. John Gerald.

Elections were held by the Elections Committee.

Recessed for five minutes while Elections Committee reviews the Nominating Committee ballot.

Conference called to order to continue elections.

Rev. Carlos Dawson, II nominated Rev. B. F. Gerald to replace Rev. Nate Ballard on the Historical Committee.

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Mrs. Lessie Carmichael moved that the nominations be closed. Rev. Reggie Smith seconded the motion. The nominations were closed.

Rev. Carlos Dawson nominated Rev. Newton Pertuit as the minister for the Superannuate Fund Board.

Rev. Marc Williams nominated John Weston as the layman for the Superannuate Fund Board.

Rev. Billy Frazure moved the nominations be closed. Seconded by Doyle Whitehead. The nominations were closed.

Rev. LaDon Dawson moved that the Elections Committee be excused to count ballots and report the results at the 8:30 AM Business Session. Rev. Carlos Dawson, II seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The ballots were collected to be counted. The results will be reported tomorrow morning.

Group II Committees were appointed at this time.

Recessed for supper by Rev. Billy Frazure.

Wednesday, 7:00 P. M. Worship Service

Piano: Katie Lanigan

Song Service led by Rev. Peter Lanigan

Song: *Higher Ground*

Song: *Saved, Saved!*

Time of testimonies.

Song: *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

Speaker: Rev. Louie Bustle

Scripture: John 21:3-6

Topic: Is God Your List?

Prayer: Rev. Louie Bustle

Peter reminds us of our unwillingness to follow Jesus.

Jesus died on the cross for you and me.

The real story is that Jesus is not in the tomb.

The disciples were discouraged and went fishing.

Jesus is still Lord.

Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love Me more than these?"

What is in our life that Jesus would ask us, "Do you love Me more than these?"

It's not enough to say I Love God, the top of my list. He is the list.

"I love God with all of my heart" is what He wants us to say.

"Any sinner can direct a service."

We need Acts 1:8 power to "do church".

It wasn't until Pentecost that Peter gets it.

Go to HolinessLegacy.com and become a part of spreading the holiness legacy.

"God needs this denomination to do something significant for Him."

"Do you love Me more than these?"

Recessed in prayer by Rev. LaDon Dawson.

Thursday, 8:30 A. M. Business Session

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers

Prayer: President Rev. Marc Williams

Song: *There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*

Song: *Standing on the Promises*

Introduction of devotion speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams.

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Devotion Speaker: Bro. Mike Tullis

Topic: The Message in a Parable

Scripture: Matthew 13:3-9

Prayer: Bro. Mike Tullis

Scripture used ideas familiar to the people to express the message.

The Spirit reveals to each what they need when they need it.

Carefully consider the passage with the spot light of the Holy Spirit.

We must do the work to receive the produce from the garden.

If we don't receive the desired results at first, we try again. Don't quit or give up.

God will bring the fruit in season.

To get results, we must tend the garden. The same is true of the church.

"We are failing at growing the kingdom."

We must put the work into the garden.

If we are willing to put in the work, He will give the reward.

The fields are ready. Are you willing to go out and do the work?

We are all called to tend His garden. Are you ready for it?

Prayer: Bro. Mike Tullis

Called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams.

All members called to the bar at this time.

Roll Call

Ministers	11
Unstationed Ministers	0
Superannuates	2
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Minutes were read by the Secretary and approved as corrected.

Results of elections were announced by Rev. Nate Ballard as noted in the Conference Officials and Committee Listings.

President Rev. Marc Williams read a letter from Rev. Paul Edwards to the Conference. Rev. Dan Henry, III presented the recommendation from the findings of the District Committee. Rev. Dan Henry, III moved its adoption. Seconded by Lessie Carmichael. The motion was adopted.

Rev. Nate Ballard presented a recommendation for consideration in the Friday morning business session that By-Law # 25 be removed.

Rev. Reggie Smith presented a partial report from the Fraternal Relations Committee. Rev. Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Wesley Cunningham seconded the motion. The report was adopted.

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

Recessed in prayer by Robert Johnson.

Thursday, 10:15 A. M. Business Session

Called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams.

All members called to the bar at this time.

Rev. Dan Henry, III presented the report from the Audit Committee. Rev. Dan Henry, III moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. LaDon Dawson. The report was adopted.

Rev. LaDon Dawson presented Discipline Changes that are proposed for consideration in the afternoon session.

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Jeff Little presented the report from the President of the Layman's Fellowship. Jeff Little moved it be adopted. Seconded by Rev. Reggie Smith. The report was adopted.

Rev. Nate Ballard presented the report from the Evangelism Committee. Rev. Nate Ballard moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II. The report was adopted.

Dianne Reid presented a recommendation for consideration in the Friday morning business session that By-Law #25 revert to its original wording.

Recessed in prayer by Wesley Cunningham.

Thursday, 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers

Prayer: Rev. Wayne Killingsworth

Song: *Bring Them In*

Song: *Have Thine Own Way*

Special Music: *Beulah Land, Wesley Cunningham*

Welcome and introduction of speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Speaker: Dr. Louie Bustle

Topic: Testimony of Dr. Bustle's Salvation

Dr. Bustle shared his life testimony.

Challenge: Pastor, become an expert in preaching and teaching holiness. Preach it constantly. Keep coming back to it.

If you are a Sunday School teacher, become an expert in teaching holiness.

"You will save your teens if you get them sanctified."

You will change your church if you get your people sanctified, testifying and sharing what God is doing in their lives.

Holiness must become a passion again.

"Be the people of God, standing up for God, used of God to change the world."

"Are you willing?"

Prayer: Dr. Louie Bustle

Recessed with prayer and the blessing for lunch by Rev./Mrs. Martha Headley, President of the Alabama Conference.

Thursday, 1:30 P. M. Memorial Service

Prayer: President Rev. Marc Williams

Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers presented the report from the Memorials Committee. Opportunity was given to the floor to speak about anyone who was named.

Rev. Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. LaDon Dawson. The report was adopted.

Recessed for Council of Religious Education Committee Meeting.

Floor returned to the President.

Recessed until 3:00.

President Rev. Marc Williams called session to order.

Rev. Reggie Smith presented a partial report from the Fraternal Relations Committee.

Rev. Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Seconded by Wesley Cunningham. Report was adopted.

Presentation of General Conference Work.

Prayer: Rev. LaDon Dawson, President of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church

Floor returned to the President.

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Session called back to order by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Rev. LaDon Dawson presented Proposal #1, Discipline Changes re: The Children's Day Program for ratification. Rev. Reggie Smith moved that the proposal be approved. Seconded by John Weston. The proposal was approved with 22 votes for and 0 votes against.

Rev. LaDon Dawson presented Proposal #2, Discipline Changes re: III. Annual Missionary Convention. Rev. Reggie Smith moved that the proposal be approved. Seconded by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II. The proposal was approved with 22 votes for and 0 votes against.

Rev. Newton Pertuit presented the report from the Committee on Church Extension. Rev. Newton Pertuit moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II. The report was adopted.

Recessed in prayer by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II.

Thursday 6:00 P. M. Deaconess Ordination Service

Prayer: Richard Garrett

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers

Song: *Cleanse Me*

Ordination Message: Rev. Carlos Dawson, II

Topic: Be A Phoebe for Our Church

Scripture: Romans 16:1-2

Thoughts from Paul's commendation of Phoebe and how it relates to the Office of Deaconess.

Paul called Phoebe his sister.

Paul recognized that Phoebe knew God.

Paul spoke of her service – she was a servant of the church.

Phoebe was a true helper.

“As a Deaconess, will you be a Phoebe in your church?”

Prayer: Rev. Carlos Dawson, II

Mrs. Beth Bailey was presented to the Conference to be set apart as a Deaconess by the Deaconess Board.

A committee consisting of Rev. Marc Williams, Rev. Carlos Dawson, II, Rev./Mrs. Maxine Jenkins and Rev. Billy Frazure came forward to lay hands on Mrs. Beth Bailey and set her apart as a Deaconess in the Methodist Protestant Church.

President Rev. Marc Williams presented Deaconess Beth Bailey to the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Beth Bailey was presented a certificate and a pin designating her as a Deaconess.

Deaconess Dianne Reid was also presented a pin recognizing her for her service as a Deaconess in the Methodist Protestant Church.

Service was dismissed by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Thursday 7:00 P. M.

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Rev. Peter Lanigan

Song: *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

Song: *Cleansing Wave*

Prayer: Rev. Peter Lanigan

Song: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Special Song: Rev. LaDon & Darlene Dawson, *God On the Mountain*

Introduction of speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams

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Speaker: Dr. Louie Bustle

Topic: Back to the Beginning

Scripture: Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8

What took place in the upper room?

They prayed and God came. They came out empowered by God's Spirit.

This was God's plan for starting a church.

"You can't do church without God."

If God doesn't show up, you're only playing church.

It's so easy to go through the motions.

If you're not willing to serve, you shouldn't be leading a church.

Five years in, the Apostles are bogged down doing busy work.

It's not that they were too good. It wasn't their calling.

Don't let your Pastor get too busy doing the busy work.

Leave here with a renewed mentality of God's call.

The church experienced a great revival because God was back in charge.

Bring us back to Two Focuses:

1. Prayer

2. God's Word

Our purpose is to "equip the saints".

Revival takes prayer and prayer is work.

Don't ever be satisfied with less than God's best for your people.

Revival comes when we lose ourselves in God's Word.

Have we given ourselves to the Word and prayer?

Or are we going through the motions?

God wants to bring revival, but He needs a people willing to give themselves to the Word and Prayer.

Are you willing to give yourself to His Word and Prayer?

Recessed in prayer by Dr. Louie Bustle around the altar.

Friday 8:30 A. M. Business Session

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers

Song: *A Shelter in the Time of Storm*

Song: *In My Heart There Rings A Melody*

Prayer: Rev. Wayne Sellers

Introduction of devotion speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams

Devotion Speaker: Rev. Nate Ballard

Topic: Be the Gospel

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

We must be effective at winning souls for the kingdom of God.

Prayer: Rev. Nate Ballard

Called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams

Delegates were called within the bar.

Roll Call

Ministers 13

Unstationed Ministers 0

Deaconess 2

Superannuates 2

Undergraduates 0

Lay Delegates 14

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Minutes were read by the secretary and approved as corrected.

Rev. Billy Frazure presented the report from the Superannuate Fund Board. Rev. Billy Frazure moved its adoption. Seconded by Doyle Whitehead. Report was adopted.

Rev. John Jenkins presented the report from the Committee on Church Relations. Rev. LaDon Dawson moved the report be adopted. Seconded by Donis Chatham. Report was adopted.

Rev. Nate Ballard moved that By-Law #25 be removed. Seconded by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II.

Rev. LaDon Dawson moved that this motion be tabled. Seconded by Rev. Reggie Smith. Motion to table carried.

Dianne Reid moved that By-Law #25 be restored to its original wording. Seconded by Rev. Reggie Smith.

Rev. LaDon Dawson moved to amend By-Law #25 to include "The Camp Meeting Committee be responsible for planning and carrying out holiness summits in the MS District separate from the Bible Camp." Rev. Reggie Smith seconded the motion to amend. Rev. Newton Pertuit called for the question. Rev. Carlos Dawson, II called for a secret ballot. The results were 17 yes and 8 no. The motion to amend carried.

Rev. Wayne Sellers was called to pray for the Conference as we considered this issue. Secret ballots were cast on By-Law #25. The vote was 3 For and 21 Against. The motion that By-Law #25 revert to its original wording failed.

Rev. Carlos Dawson moved that consideration for the removal of By-Law #25 be removed the table. Seconded by Jeff Little. Motion to remove from the table carried with 17 for and 6 against.

Rev. Nate Ballard moved to amend By-Law #25 to read, "The Camp Meeting Committee be responsible for planning and carrying out holiness summits in the MS District separate from the Bible Camp." Seconded by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II. Rev. Newton Pertuit called for the question. The vote for the amendment to By-Law #25 was 11 Yes and 12 No. The motion to amend failed.

The question was called for the motion to strike By-Law #25. The vote was held by secret ballot. The vote was 12 For and 16 Against. The motion to strike By-Law #25 failed.

Recessed until time for the worship service in prayer by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Friday, 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Piano: Darlene Dawson

Song Service led by Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers

Song: *Send the Light*

Song: *The Solid Rock*

Prayer: Rev. Billy Frazure

Song: *Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

Special Song: *He Touched Me*, Rev. Reggie Smith and Rev./Mrs. Donna Sellers

Speaker: Dr. Louie Bustle

Scripture: Acts 17:2-6

Topic: Impossible to Fail

If you knew that it was impossible to fail, what would you attempt for Jesus?

"A goal is a number with a date."

Sometimes the church doesn't like to be stretched.

How did the pastor get people called to preach?

He became the model.

He preached with power.

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He set the atmosphere so God would call.

Pastor, what is your responsibility? Your responsibility is to build the Kingdom.

Your responsibility is the lost around you. Your responsibility is to see an area that needs a church and start one.

Why don't we start churches?

Perhaps we have perceptions or rules that hinder us from doing this.

Follow God's simple plan and watch what God will do.

We make it so difficult. We don't start churches because we don't have pastors.

"Young people don't feel a call to ministry because we don't start churches."

Cast the vision. Tell people what God wants.

The Book of Acts is the model for building the church and Kingdom of God today.

Are we willing?

Too often we want to wait until young converts get old and crusty to use them.

Don't wait on the person before you begin to think about where to start a church.

"God always has a person and it's your responsibility to dig them out."

"Holiness will get people saved as well as establish your people."

Don't make it difficult. Keep it simple.

Start your own education extension training your pastors.

"Your task is to win Mississippi for Christ."

It's better to have someone who knows nothing than someone who knows it's impossible.

Are you willing to trust God?

Are you willing to trust someone you pour your life into?

Build your church using the newly called preachers.

When God calls someone to ministry, they are no longer yours. They're His.

Don't send a lot of people to start a church. Send a leader.

Churches starting churches. Pastors training pastors. People reaching people.

God is still God and He wants to do something significant.

"What does it depend on? It depends on a person with enough vision to see churches all around where you work.?"

We must develop the mind of Christ. He sanctifies us to give us a new vision to build the kingdom of God.

Are you willing?

It's when you let go that God blesses and moves.

Many of the pastors who take over these churches are not converted yet.

Are you willing?

Prayer around the altar: Rev. Marc Williams

President Rev. Marc Williams called the conference to order.

Rev. Carlos Dawson, II presented the report from the Finance Committee. Rev. Carlos Dawson, II moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Newton Pertuit. The report was adopted.

Rev. Carlos Dawson, II gave an update and asked for support regarding the establishment of a church in Pike County.

Recessed with prayer for lunch by Gloria McConnell.

Friday 1:30 P. M. Business Session

President Rev. Marc Williams called the Conference to order.

Lessie Carmichael presented the report from the Historical Committee. Rev. John Gerald moved its adoption. Seconded by Wesley Cunningham. The report was adopted.

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Rev. Reggie Smith presented the completed report from the Fraternal Relations Committee. Rev. Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. John Gerald. The report was adopted.

Rev. Reggie Smith presented the report from the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee. Rev. Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Seconded by John Weston. The report was adopted.

Rev. Carlos Dawson, II presented a report for the Committee on Thanks. Rev. Billy Frazure moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Reggie Smith.

The Stationing Committee Appointments were read at this time. Rev. Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II. The report was adopted.

The Appeals Committee reported that no appeals were made at this time.

Rev. Billy Frazure moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Seconded by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II. The motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Rev. LaDon Dawson.

The One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. LaDon Dawson. The next Regular Session convenes at 10:00 A.M. on June 21, 2017, at the Mississippi Headquarters and Campground of the Methodist Protestant Church, five miles west of Collins, Mississippi.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings to the one hundred and seventy-fifth session of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The stationing committee was able to assign a minister to every church but one this past conference year. Coxburg was the only church not assigned a pastor, it was left in the hands of the President.

This past year I have visited with several of the churches in our conference. I was honored to be able to attend the 50th Anniversary celebration of the First Methodist Protestant Church of Newton. In October I was able to join several of our pastors, their wives, and some youth to a Leadership and Evangelism Conference at KMBC. We had a great time of fellowship and learned a lot.

This year I have worked closely with our District Committee, Our Board of Directors and our Trustees. The District Committee worked with me in dealing with some internal church issues. Bro. Eric Haliburton was assigned to Bear Creek Methodist Protestant Church at Conference. He later decided this was not the place God wanted him to be and he stepped down. Bro. Michael Tullis and Bro. Wayne Killingsworth have been taking turns filling the pulpit. The Trustees and Board of Directors have been working with me to get some much needed renovations done to the girl's dormitory. We are currently in the process of remodeling the bathrooms in the girl's dormitory and hopefully in the near future we will be installing central heat and air in the boy's dormitory. I have also been talking with the realtor about the Magee property. There seems to be some interest by a couple of parties but no offers have been made at this time.

Some of our ministers were contacted by a gentleman about starting a Methodist Protestant Church in McComb, MS. Rev. Newton Pertuit and Bro. Michael Tullis met with this gentleman and felt that this is a viable work. The group has been meeting and Bro. Richard Garret and others have been speaking for them. In the near future they are going to start meeting at Southwest Community College Chapel. I am excited about this work. Thanks to those who have taken leadership in this endeavor. Please keep this Church plant in your prayers.

I appreciate each of the pastors, their wives and congregations in the Mississippi Methodist Protestant Conference. I pray for each of you and hope you know you can call on me anytime with your needs and concerns.

In His service

Rev. Marc Williams, President

Mississippi Annual Conference President

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Session of the Mississippi District of the Methodist Protestant Church, the following reports are submitted:

1. Conference Properties
2. Receipts and Disbursements from Checking and Savings Accounts.
3. Comparative Statement of expenses, listed by account.
4. Individual Churches' receipts, listed by account.
5. Miscellaneous statements.

Funds received after June 10, 2016, are not included in this report. Funds received after this date will be reported on the next fiscal year's report.

Loans receivable consist of funds on loan to Cross Point Methodist Protestant Church.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your treasurer and for your prayers and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Quimby, Treasurer

CONFERENCE PROPERTY

The Campgrounds, located near Collins, Mississippi, was purchased in 1952. There are six (6) buildings on this property: a tabernacle with dining room and kitchen area, a girl's dorm, a boy's dorm, a metal storage building, a worker's cottage and a pavilion.

In 1986, Mrs. Sonja Sharp Metrolis was asked to appraise the real property. This appraised value at that date (as recorded in the minutes of 1985-86) was \$520,000.00. The appraisal did not include any personal property or furnishings in any of the buildings. Improvements made since the appraisal include renovation of the girl's dorm, construction of a cafeteria, a metal storage building, metal roofs on the girls' dorm, the boys' dorm and the tabernacle, the kitchen renovated, a workers' cottage and the Carmichael-Sellers Pavilion. During the past year, additional repairs and renovations have been made to the facilities. All of these repairs and additions add to the value of the property. At this time a camper site is being developed.

MAGEE Property: The Antioch Church property is in the hands of the Conference. We have been paying the utilities and cutting the grass for the past five years. During 2012, the title to the property and the bank balance was transferred to the Conference. We have invested \$17,000.00 in the property.

OTHER PROPERTIES: None.

NOTES RECEIVABLE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Cross Point Church Daycare -----(60 Mo. @ 6%).....\$12,711.87

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2016

<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance 06/01/15</i>	<i>Checking Account</i>		<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Balance 05/31/16</i>
		<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Interest Earned</i>			
Annual Conf.						
Budget.....	\$3,727.44	\$28,525.27	\$7.07		\$22,003.48	\$10,256.30
Bible Camp	\$18,852.10	\$20,254.82	\$28.29		\$17,972.90	\$21,162.31
Church Ext.	\$99,675.00	\$339.24	\$153.61		\$5788.63	
Int. Shiloh			\$189.92			
Int. Vicksburg			\$887.90			
Prin. Shiloh		\$5,805.16				
Prin. Vicksburg		\$3,752.02				
Total	\$99,675.00	\$9,896.42	\$1,231.43		\$5,788.63	\$105,014.22
Superannuate.....	\$5,831.02	\$5,602.63	\$9.09		\$5,950.00	\$5,492.74
Annual Conf. Expense ...	\$810.52	\$2,400.00			\$1,080.78	\$2,129.74
Girls Dorm Fund	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2.03			\$3,002.03
Con.Rel.Ed.....	\$0.00	\$3,723.68			\$3,723.68	\$0.00
Home Missions	\$1,640.57		\$2.03			\$1,642.60
Gen. Conf. Budget	\$0.00	\$32,880.91			\$32,880.91	\$0.00
Mission Shares	\$0.00	\$7,313.73			\$7,313.73	\$0.00
Totals	\$132,036.65	\$112,097.46	\$1,279.94		\$96,714.11	\$148,699.94

**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2016**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance 06/01/15</i>	<i>Interest Earned</i>	<i>Trans.</i>	<i>Balance 05/31/16</i>
Annual Conference ...	\$11,509.57	\$30.44	\$7,500.00	\$4,040.01
Bible Camp	\$1,246.50	\$13.77		\$1,260.27
Church Extension....	\$187,205.23	\$1,494.16		\$188,699.44
Totals	\$199,961.35	\$1,538.37	\$7,500.00	\$193,999.72

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

BEGINNING BALANCE 6/1/15	INTEREST EARNED	ENDING BALANCE 5/31/16
\$192,301.54	\$1,698.18	\$193,999.72

**BOND ACCOUNT
SUPERANNUATE FUND**

BEGINNING BALANCE 06/01/15	INTEREST EARNED	ENDING BALANCE 05/31/16
\$18,000.00	\$6,825.78	\$24,825.78

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGET ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year End 5/31/16	Fiscal Year End 5/31/15
Presidential Expense		
Salary	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Expense		
Mileage	\$336.50	\$702.50
Other (Printed Material)		
Total Presidential Expense.....	\$3,936.50	\$4,302.50
Secretarial Expense		
Salary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Expense		
Postage/Envelopes		
Total Secretarial Expense.....	\$1000.00	\$1,000.00
Treasurer's Expense		
Salary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Expense		
Stamps	\$147.00	\$315.42
Supplies	\$160.87	\$262.26
Forms & Paper	\$335.56	\$301.03
Total Treasurer's Expense.....	\$2,643.43	\$2,878.71
Other Annual Conference Expense		
Printing Minutes.....	\$440.57	
General Conf. Missions.....	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Insurance.....	\$6,258.00	\$6,135.00
Doris Crawford Batemen.....		\$300.00
Pastor's Banquet.....	\$1,170.95	\$850.00
Kentucky Mt. Bible.....	\$750.00	
General Conference President.....	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00
Wesley Biblical Seminary.....		\$1,000.00
Bible for Sellers.....		\$65.56
Flowers.....	\$107.00	
Plaques.....	\$377.03	
Total Other Annual Conf. Expense	\$14,432.55	\$13,670.56
Total Annual Conference Expense	\$22,003.48	\$21,851.77

BIBLE CAMP EXPENSE ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year End 5/31/16	Fiscal Year End 5/31/15
Telephone	\$1,519.40	\$1,162.78
Water	\$863.65	\$585.10
Electricity	\$5,412.89	\$6,136.10
Butane (Includes Tank Rental).....	\$872.39	\$567.10
Air Conditioning & Units	\$363.80	\$507.18
Guard.....	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Maintenance & Misc.....	\$1,719.58	\$184.94
Gas & Mower Parts.....	\$102.50	\$177.89
Grass Cutting	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00
Kitchen		\$3,210.00
Cleaning.....	\$650.00	\$400.00
Mower Service.....	\$62.50	\$398.78
Refrigerator.....	\$3,003.49	
Lift.....		\$1,169.72
Total Bible Camp Expense.....	\$17,972.90	\$17,690.59

SUPERANNUATE FUND EXPENSE ANALYSIS

Mrs. Lessie Carmichael	\$600.00	\$600.00
Mrs. Doris Crawford.....	\$0.00	\$200.00
Mrs. Eva Dawson.....	\$0.00	\$300.00
Mrs. Helen Jenkins	\$600.00	\$600.00
Rev. Kenton Renfroe	\$950.00	\$950.00
Rev. John W. Gerald.....	\$950.00	\$950.00
Rev. John Jenkins	\$950.00	\$950.00
Rev. Paul Edwards.....	\$950.00	\$950.00
Rev. Ralph Gerald	\$950.00	
Total Superannuate Fund Expense	\$5,950.00	\$5,500.00

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE

	Fiscal Year End 5/31/16	Fiscal Year End 5/31/15
Food for Conference.....	\$513.78	\$2,001.98
Cooks for Conference.....	\$550.00	\$650.00
Ice.....	\$17.00	
Food for 2015 Conference.....		\$900.00
Total Annual Conference Expense	\$1,080.78	\$3,551.98

Mission Share Analysis

Receipts:

Belize Missions	
Brand Memorial Fund.....	\$854.73
Sims	\$3,186.00
Sullivans	
General Conf. Missions.....	\$600.00
Missions (One Day I Give)	\$2,682.00
Total Receipts.....	\$7,313.73
Sent to General Conference Treasurer.....	\$7,313.73
Balance in Mission Share Fund 05/31/16.....	\$0.00

HOME MISSIONS

<u>Balance (6/1/15)</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Balance (5/31/16)</u>
\$1,640.57	\$2.03	\$1,642.60

BIBLE CAMP UPKEEP

RECEIPTS:

Pineville	\$100.00
Bear Creek	\$100.00
Clear Creek	\$100.00
General Conference.....	\$600.00
Golden Grove.....	\$100.00
John & Maxine Jenkins.....	\$200.00
Newton.....	\$100.00
Castle Chapel	\$100.00
Cross Point.....	\$100.00
Pineville	\$100.00
New Hope	\$100.00
Neeley.....	\$100.00
Forest Grove	\$100.00
Sharp Memorial	\$100.00
Laurel.....	\$100.00
Monticello.....	\$100.00
Divide	\$100.00

Total..... \$2,300.00

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

MS. Dist. Camp Meeting-----	Insurance.....	\$1,300.00
Divide Memorial-----	Camp Fridge	\$100.00
Springfield, ALA Church -----	Girls Dorm	\$1,500.00
Divide Memorial-----	Camp Fridge	\$712.00
Shiloh MP Church-----	Camp Fridge	1,200.00
Sharp Memorial-----	Camp Fridge	\$500.00
Clear Creek -----	Camp Fridge	\$150.00
Southern Pine Elec. Power -----	Refund	\$433.29
Southern Pine Elec. Power -----	Refund	\$2.03
Rev. & Mrs. B.F. Gerald -----	Girls Dorm	\$1,000.00
Strickland Church of Christ-----	Rent Camp	\$1,700.00
Brotherhood Mutual-----	Refund	\$213.00
Raymond James-----	Int. Bonds.....	\$39.17
MS WMS Branch-----	Tables and Chairs.....	\$910.00
Forest Grove WMS-----	Mirrors Dorm	\$100.00
Coxburg MP Church-----	Camp.....	\$1,100.00

Total..... \$10,959.49

Camp Meeting Fund					
<i>MS Conference, Methodist Protestant Church</i>					
<i>June 25, 2015 - June 23, 2016</i>					
Balance brought forward:					
		\$3,608.99			
CAMP MEETING RECEIPTS:			OTHER RECEIPTS:		
PLEDGES/DONATIONS	\$4,515.13				
INTEREST	\$1.49				
CAMP RECEIPTS:	\$4,516.62		OTHER RECEIPTS:		\$0.00
NET TOTAL:		\$8,125.61			
EXPENSES:					
BIBLE CAMP:					
BANQUET	\$500.00				
MUSIC	\$1,500.00				
INSURANCE	\$1,300.00				
FLOWERS	\$176.55				
TOTAL EXPENSES:			\$3,476.55		
FINAL BALANCE:		4649.06			

RECEIPTS BY CHURCHES
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2016

Church	Assessments	Annual Conf. Budget	Bible Camp	Church Extension	General Conf. Budget
Bear Creek	\$1,971.24	\$496.69	\$254.98	\$8.96	\$827.83
Castle Chapel	\$3,196.27	\$564.82	\$282.38	\$9.35	\$941.46
Clear Creek	\$4,918.74	\$1,300.54	\$705.25	\$27.76	\$2,167.59
Coxburg	\$709.68	\$84.45	\$142.22	\$1.40	\$140.76
Crossroads	\$1,814.40	\$453.88	\$245.95	\$9.66	\$756.47
Divide Memorial	\$20,268.73	\$4,618.60	\$2,309.28	\$76.94	\$7,697.69
Forest Grove	\$5,233.06	\$1,357.59	\$678.75	\$22.56	\$2,262.71
Friendship	\$1,045.00	\$285.00	\$142.48	\$4.72	\$475.00
Golden Grove	\$212.00	\$16.83	\$8.41	\$0.28	\$28.05
Hickory Grove	\$528.83	\$144.16	\$72.05	\$2.34	\$240.32
Laurel	\$4,015.00	\$677.29	\$338.64	\$11.24	\$1,128.83
Monticello	\$9,868.62	\$2,650.48	\$1,325.22	\$44.11	\$4,417.51
Neely	\$4,584.47	\$882.12	\$441.02	\$14.66	\$1,470.21
New Hope	\$1,454.06	\$355.65	\$177.81	\$5.89	\$592.75
Newton	\$5,850.00	\$1,554.48	\$777.24	\$25.80	\$2,590.80
Pineville	\$2,322.88	\$551.53	\$316.95	\$13.76	\$919.22
Sharp Memorial	\$3,597.25	\$940.09	\$481.89	\$16.96	\$1,566.86
Shiloh	\$4,717.53	\$1,286.56	\$643.26	\$21.38	\$2,144.30
Cross Point	\$1,814.40	\$453.88	\$245.95	\$9.66	\$756.47
Totals	\$81,212.79	\$19,512.27	\$9,989.50	\$339.24	\$32,520.91

RECEIPTS BY CHURCHES
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2015 Continued

Church	S & MS	Council of Religious Education	Superannuate Fund	Conference Expense
Bear Creek	—	\$90.42	\$142.36	\$150.00
Castle Chapel	\$975.00	\$112.92	\$160.34	\$150.00
Clear Creek	—	\$186.78	\$380.82	\$150.00
Coxburg	\$300.00	\$16.88	\$23.97	—
Crossroads	—	\$65.49	\$132.95	\$150.00
Divide Memorial	\$3,183.73	\$923.69	\$1,308.80	\$150.00
Forest Grove	\$255.00	\$271.48	\$384.97	—
Friendship	—	\$57.00	\$80.80	—
Golden Grove	—	\$3.36	\$5.07	\$150.00
Hickory Grove	—	\$28.80	\$41.16	—
Laurel	\$1,380.00	\$135.40	\$193.60	\$150.00
Monticello	—	\$530.10	\$751.20	\$150.00
Neely	\$1,200.00	\$176.39	\$250.07	\$150.00
New Hope	—	\$71.09	\$100.87	\$150.00
Newton	—	\$310.80	\$440.88	\$150.00
Pineville	—	\$55.38	\$165.44	\$300.00
Sharp Memorial	—	\$172.19	\$269.26	\$150.00
Shiloh	—	\$257.26	\$364.77	—
Cross Point	\$20.00	\$258.25	\$366.13	\$150.00
Totals	\$7,313.73	\$3,723.68	\$5,563.46	\$2,250.00

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 Seventy-Fifth Conference:

1. We will be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, and the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Protestant Church.
2. The center section of the auditorium to be designated as the conference bar.
3. That Rev. Bobby Dawson be designated as the parliamentarian.
4. Cell phones 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. Reggie Smith

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We, the Audit Committee have examined the financial records of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church this date, June 23, 2016, and found them in excellent order.

We commend the treasurer, Mr. Robert Quimby, for his dedication in keeping accurate financial records of the Mississippi Conference Treasurer's office.

We recommend that pledges made to the Bible Camp be sent in early enough in each conference year to be counted for that year.

The church final, monthly report and conference assessments for each fiscal year ending May 31 must be received by the treasurer on or before June 10 in order to be included in the Annual Conference report.

Submitted by,
Rev. Dan Henry
Rev. Reggie Smith
Mr. Robert Johnson
Mr. Duffy Bankston

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Evangelism, submit the following report:

1. We encourage churches to hold VBS annually.
2. We encourage all pastors and church members to support and attend Bible camp, retreats, and other events which are presented by the Council of Religious Education.
3. We encourage churches to hold annual revival meetings.
4. We encourage all pastors and churches to support the training that the MEAR's committee provides throughout the conference year.
5. We encourage all pastors to teach evangelism and personal witnessing at least annually.
6. We encourage all pastors and churches to get involved with their respective communities and canvas their areas for evangelistic opportunities.

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7. We encourage all pastors to read Dr. Louie Bustle's book, *New Solution*, To Impact the World, and implement the principles that apply in their ministries.
8. We encourage churches to use Sunday School small groups to promote outreach and use it as a means to bring new people into their churches to promote growth.
9. We encourage the conference to support physically and financially all new mission churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Nate Ballard, Chairman

MEMORIALS

We, the Committee on Memorials, acknowledge the following Mississippi Methodist Protestant church members who have gone to be with the Lord this conference year:

Bear Creek:	Shirley Anderson Jackson
Clear Creek:	Corrine Martin Tobey Martin
Divide:	Clint Errington Rhonda Morrow Gracie Luv Smith Mary Lou Tynes
Forest Grove:	Malinda Rutland
Friendship:	T. J. Pugh
Monticello:	Floyd Boone Steve Case Noma Lee Hill
New Hope:	Marie Whittington Rollins
Newton:	Grover Richardson W.C. (Shep) Warren
Pineville:	Pat Sorey
Shiloh:	Johnny Ferrell Sis Lepord Willy Roby

Submitted by,
Rev. Donna Sellers, Chairman
Rev. B.F. Gerald
Mrs. Lessie Carmichael
Mr. Otis Rutland

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee recommends 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 Conference 6.00%
 1. Annual Budget 3.00%
 2. Bible Camp 1.50%
 3. Home Mission 0.05%
 4. Superannuate 0.85%
 5. Council of Rel. Ed... 0.60%
 - B. General Conference 5.00%
 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.
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 a salary of \$1,500 a year out of the Annual Conference budget. That the churches pay 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 be paid \$1,500 and that the Treasurer be paid \$2,000 plus 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 annual contribution for upkeep of the Church Camp and that those with permanent campers/trailers be assessed an annual fee of \$150. Other campers or travel trailers will be charged \$25/week, to be paid to the Annual Conference Treasurer.
8. That \$500 be given from the general budget for the GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND of the Board of Christian Education of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.
9. That \$500 be paid into the General Conference Mission's Endowment Fund, and that the churches be encouraged to take an offering each year to support this fund. We suggest that pastors make this known to their congregations.
10. That \$360 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.

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11. That each church be assessed \$150 for the expenses of the meeting of the Conference.
12. That Minutes of this conference be printed and that the cost be paid from the Annual Conference budget.
13. That the treasurer be given the authority to manage any excess funds to the best interest of the Conference.
14. That the monies that are available from the Board of Church Extension for new mission work, be transferred to the Home Mission account. 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.
15. That each church be reminded to submit the single form Annual Church Report
16. That \$1,000 be paid to Holiness Legacy Foundation as a gift for Dr. Louie Bustle ministering to us this week. In addition, that we pay Dr. Louie Bustle's travel expenses.
17. That we give \$2,500 to the San Lazaro Classroom project in Belize.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Rev. Carlos Dawson, II

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. Mr. Roger Walker, representing Wesley Biblical Seminary
2. Dr. Louie Bustle, our Conference Speaker
3. Rev./Mrs. Martha Headley, President of the Alabama Conference & Woman's Missionary Society Convention
4. Mrs. Florene Carlisle, President of the Board of Missions

Sincerely,
Rev. Reggie Smith, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON THANKS

We the Committee on Thanks would like to thank the following:

Rev. Marc and Joy Williams for their faithful service and work for the Conference as president.

Rev. Bobby Dawson for his continued work as Conference Secretary and for his service as Parliamentarian during Conference.

Brother Robert Quimby for his service to the Conference as treasurer.

Brother Thomas Calhoun for his assistance with the sound system.

Dr. Louis Bustle for his inspiring, encouraging, and challenging messages which were anointed by God and for us this week.

Joy Williams, Babs Williams, Debbie Little and others who helped with the work in preparing our meals and in the kitchen. The meals were very good and appreciated.

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Willie Bailey for his assistance with maintenance, trash, and helping the kitchen staff.

Donna Sellers and Peter Lanigan for leading the worship in music.

Darlene Dawson, Katie Lanigan, Jane Boyd, and Lessie Carmichael for playing the piano.

Donna Sellers, Robert Johnson, Wesley Cunningham, LaDon and Darlene Dawson, and Reggie Smith for blessing the Conference with special music.

Pastors and Delegates for their hard work for this Conference and for offering their time, talents, and treasures to see that work of the Methodist Protestant Church carries on in this coming year and beyond.

Humbly Submitted,
Rev. Carlos Dawson, II

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

No resolutions were submitted.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

No appeals were made.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUPERANNUATE FUND BOARD

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

That Pastors be paid \$960.00 each year, to be paid \$80.00 each month and that the beneficiaries be paid \$600.00 each year at \$50.00 per month.

Rev. John Jenkins	\$960.00
Rev. Kenton Renfroe	\$960.00
Rev. John Gerald	\$960.00
Rev. Ralph Gerald	\$960.00
Rev. Paul Edwards	\$960.00
Mrs. Lessie Carmichael	\$600.00
Mrs. Helen Jenkins	\$600.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Superannuate Fund Board

THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION AND RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We make the recommendation that C.E.U.s be given to pastors for the hours of conference meetings.

We received a letter from Castle Chapel Methodist Protestant Church requesting that Rev./Mrs. Melba Holt be reinstated. We recommend that this request be granted with her placed under 3 years probation under the direction of the MEAR Committee.

We recommend David Paul Jenkins from Shiloh Methodist Protestant Church be placed in the first year of the course of study pending meeting with the MEAR Committee.

We recommend Rev./Mrs. Jennifer Berson be retained on the unstationed ministers list per her request by letter.

The MEAR Committee will meet again on September 10, 2016, January 14, 2017 and April 8, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Reggie Smith

Hours Attended 2015-2016

Rev. Nate Ballard	Rev. James S. Carter, Sr.
Rev. Bobby Dawson	Rev. Carlos Dawson II
Rev. LaDon Dawson	Rev. Billy Frazure
Rev. B. F. Gerald	Rev. John Gerald
Rev. Ralph Gerald	Rev. Dan Henry III
Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins	Rev. James R. Killingsworth
Rev. Peter Lanigan	Rev. Donna Sellers
Rev. Wayne Sellers	Rev. Reggie Smith
Rev. Marc Williams	Mrs. Donna Sellers

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CHURCH RELATIONS

We recommend that Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church be admitted to the Conference as a mission church for one year. At the end of one year we recommend they be considered for reinstatement as a member of the Conference with a recommendation of the nearest local Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. LaDon Dawson
Rev. John Jenkins
Mr. Earl Haley
Mr. Robert Johnson

DEACONESS BOARD

We reviewed the reports from Mrs. Bethany Bailey and commend her for thorough preparation for the Office of Deaconess. We recommend her for ordination at this Conference.

We recognize Deaconess Dianne Reid for her work in many areas during the year and pray for God's blessings on her as she continues her ministry.

We thank all pastors who have used the Deaconess pamphlet to make ladies of the churches aware of this calling.

Deaconess Board Members

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

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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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

1. The Newton Methodist Protestant Church celebrated its 50th year since organization, with a homecoming day, which was well attended.
2. Bear Creek Methodist Protestant Church has gone through renovations to their church this past year. They invite anyone to come see the beautiful renovations and restorations.

A donation of historical documents pertaining to the Mississippi conference from the collection of Rev. H. O. Carmichael is being requested to be accepted by the Conference archive with the understanding that the materials be maintained on site, with access for people to make copies, but not to remove the originals. On this, the 175th Mississippi Conference the Historical Committee would like to make a request of the pastors and the church members of our Conference to supply for the records some information about their individual churches. Specifically we would request the following:

- 1) A picture of the church sign/name.
- 2) A picture of the outside of the church.
- 3) A picture of the inside of the church.
- 4) A group picture of the pastor and members (labeled).
- 5) A brief history of your church.

We recommend that Conference Presidents keep on file and provide historical data to the Historical Committee each year at Conference.

Rev. J. W. Gerald

Rev. B. F. Gerald

Mr. John Weston

Mrs. Lessie Carmichael

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The question regarding by-law #27 was referred to the district committee and the district committee recommended that the camp meeting committee elect a treasurer from among its members.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The committee met with the Finance committee to see what funds might be available to use for home mission work. It was decided to ask Robert Quimby to see what funds were available, he will investigate and let us know after conference than church extension will work to fund home mission work.

Rev. Newton Pertuit

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STATEWIDE LAYMAN'S FELLOWSHIP

To the 2015-2016 session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church I, Richie Little would like to give the following report:

Our Laymen's Fellowship met at the General Headquarters building on October 9, 2015 for a meal and a message. The message was given by Bro. Marc Williams and was based on "The Father's Role as the Priest of the Home". The message was a challenge to all fathers and role models to be the godly leader for their families and to the ones who look to them as a pattern for their life. The message and the fellowship was enjoyed by all. The following day was designated a work day for projects around our campgrounds.

Our Laymen's Fellowship met again at the Headquarters building on June 17, 2016. We enjoyed a message by Bro. Nate Ballard titled "We Must Have Accountability". He challenged us to hold each other accountable in a loving way and to accept holy correction from our brothers and sisters in Christ. The following day was also appointed a work day to complete projects around our campground.

Some of the projects that your laymen have completed are serving us well. They have painted the entrance and stairwells of our tabernacle. They have installed lighting in these entry ways. They have replaced the screws in the roof of the worker's cottage to repair water leaks. They have stripped and waxed the floors in the dining halls. They have installed fans under our pavilion. All of these projects have been done in this recent year. Past projects have been: painting in the girl's dorm, construction of a trash receptacle, improvements to our camper slots, repaired lighting, several clean-up days, and many other projects. All this done by men and women of our churches.

I encourage all of our laymen to get involved and get plugged in to our meetings and work days. It is a comfort to gather together and receive encouragement from men who face the same problems we all face. It is a joy to take ownership of a campground that belongs to us, and to know that it will continue to be a place to welcome the congregations of our churches. A place where we can bring them and expose them to the love that Jesus has for all.

Your servant in Christ,
Richie Little
MS Laymen's Fellowship President

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIBLE CAMPGROUND AND HEADQUARTERS

The committee walked the property immediately following conference of 2015. We made note of several problems that needed to be addressed and/or repaired. We have steadily been working to complete this list.

- Some of the things we were able to accomplish are:
- all light bulbs were checked and replaced as needed in all buildings
- all commode parts were checked and replaced as needed for all buildings
- the tabernacle light was fixed

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- repaired worker's cottage roof
- painted the foyer in the tabernacle
- changed out and added light fixtures in the foyer of the tabernacle
- cleaned the garbage bin and boards were repaired and reattached
- the kitchen and dining areas have been waxed and polished (thanks to Rev. James Roy Killingsworth)
- renovations on the girls' dorms bathrooms has begun.
- fans have been installed in the outside pavilion.

Things we are still working on and yet to be accomplished:

- repaint/clean the steeple of the tabernacle
- clean gutters at the pavilion and tabernacle
- replacing sheetrock in the boys' dorm evangelist room
- the tile in the foyer needs to be ripped up and new tile laid in the entire downstairs section of the tabernacle
- install recess lighting in the outer-portion of the ceiling of the sanctuary.

We have two major projects we will be working on over the next year:

First is adding a central AC unit to the boys' dorm. The estimated amount for the unit is \$12,000.

The second project will be to repair the gable vent due to storm damage and replace siding on the boys' dorm. We have an estimated material cost of \$1,500. If we provide the labor that will be the only cost. If not, we will have to double that estimate.

I met with an architect in November concerning new plans for the girls' dorm building. This was the first step in what we hope to be a future endeavor for our campground with the result being growth for our future generations. There will be copies provided in the back of the tabernacle. Please begin praying for this endeavor and feel free to give "feedback" to any of our board members.

In May Rev. Marc Williams called a phone meeting in reference to the cutting of timber on our camp property. It was voted unanimously to allow Billy Daniels to cut the timber (should be 20+ acres @ an estimated amount of \$1,400 per acre). He will begin logging on July 5, 2016. The money received for the timber will go towards the girls' dorm renovation and the AC unit for the boys' dorm. This will also allow us to see exactly what kind of land we have and will allow us to plan to install the RV hookups along our property line.

As you can all see, this board has been really busy over the past year. We still have a long list of projects that we are pursuing. We covet the prayers and support of every person here, and also the prayers and support of every church represented.

Submitted by the Board of Directors of Bible
Campground and Headquarters

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COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Council of Religious Education Meeting
Mississippi Annual Conference
June 23, 2016

Council Meeting called to order by Rev. Carlos Dawson, president of CORE
[Council of Religious Education]

Financial report given Rev. Nate Ballard

Carlos promoted Bible Camp being evangelical in focus. Asked churches and pastors to encourage attendance for the 2016 Bible Camp in hopes of having a total registration of greater than 250.

Theme of the 2016 Bible Camp is Jesus Is the Light of the World

Fall retreat recap: Single day event held at Atwood Water Park in Monticello, MS. Rev. Marc Williams and Rev. Carlos Dawson were the speakers. Food and drinks were donated.

Spring retreat recap: overnight event held here at the campgrounds. Elijah Friedeman was the speaker. Food total is included in the financial report.

Carlos talked about the cancellation of the Winter Concert due to lack of interest. Discussed scheduling one again when/if interest arises.

Carlos mentioned the water park change. Camp attendees will be attending the water park in Collins from 6-9 p.m. so that we can have the water park to ourselves. The evening service for Thursday will be earlier in the afternoon, we will go to the water park then, while everyone is still wet, have shaving cream war. Once everyone is dry and clean, we will have an extended devotional time in the sanctuary. After Carlos's report, Rev. Reggie Smith expressed concerns that we would be losing a very important service. He suggested moving the water park and shaving cream war to another night, possibly Tuesday, so that we would not lose the service that, traditionally, has been the service where conviction is seems to be strongest. Mrs. Maxine also suggested that at the final service, whenever that is, for the invitation to be "Just As I Am".

Committee moved into the election of officers:

Nate, vice president, began with nominations for president

Mrs. Gloria McConnell nominated Carlos Dawson

Rev. James Roy Killingsworth moved that nominations cease
2nd from Rev. John Gerald

All were in favor

Carlos, president, began with nominations for vice president

Richie Little nominated Jeff Little

Rev. James Roy Killingsworth moved that nominations cease
2nd from Rev. John Gerald

All were in favor

Carlos, president, began with nominations for secretary

Rev. John Gerald nominated Donna Rose

Rev. James Roy Killingsworth moved that nominations cease
2nd from Doyle Whitehead

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All were in favor

Carlos, president, began with nominations for treasurer

Rev. John Gerald nominated Rev. Nate Ballard

Doyle Whitehead moved that nominations cease

2nd from Rev. James Roy Killingsworth

All were in favor

Meeting was adjourned

Rev. Carlos Dawson, President

Richie Little, Vice President (not present)

Donna Rose, Secretary

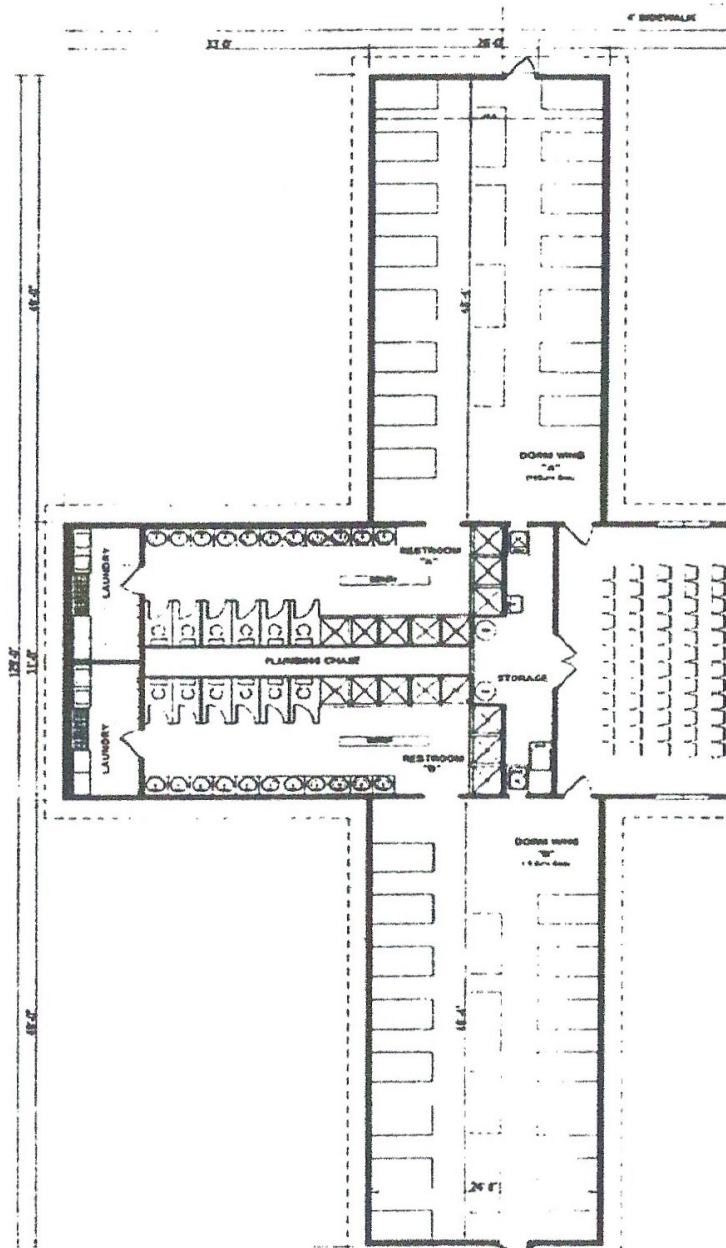
Rev. Nate Ballard, Treasurer

Rev. Donna Sellers

Ann Fleming

*MS Council of Religious Education
MS Conference, Methodist Protestant Church
June 25, 2015 – June 20, 2016*

Balance brought forward:		\$9,977.91	
CAMP RECEIPTS:		OTHER RECEIPTS:	
REGISTRATION & CANTEEN	\$13,165.69	SPONSORSHIP	\$750.00
CAMP COMMITTEE	\$500.00	Camp Committee \$	\$4,649.06
CONFERENCE AID	\$3,723.68	CONFERENCE	\$0.00
DONATIONS	\$700.00	Laymen's Fellowship	\$100.00
CAMP RECEIPTS:	\$18,089.37	OTHER RECEIPTS:	\$5,499.06
	NET TOTAL:		
EXPENSES:			
BIBLE CAMP:		SPRING RETREAT:	
GROCERIES/CANTEEN	\$9,799.18	SPEAKER	\$250.00
COOKS	\$600.00	MUSICIANS/SINGERS	\$0.00
WATER PARK	\$1,775.13	GROCERIES	\$219.11
T-SHIRTS	\$2,213.56	OTHER	\$0.89
DAY EVANGELIST	\$450.00		
NIGHT EVANGELIST	DONATED	FALL RETREAT:	
YOUTH EVANGELIST	\$750.00	SPEAKER	\$0.00
PRaise TEAM	DONATED	MUSICIANS/SINGERS	\$0.00
BANNERS	\$96.00	GROCERIES	\$0.00
AFTERNOON SPKR	\$100.00	OTHER	\$100.00
Fans for pavilion	\$421.24		
		WINTER CONCERT:	
		BAND	\$0.00
		GROCERIES	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$16,775.11	
	FINAL BALANCE:	16791.23	



PROPOSAL # 1

Discipline Changes re: The Children's Day Program

In that the Board of Missions discontinued the Children's Day as a fund-raising program and that the program of permitting our children and young people an opportunity for training as future leaders in the Church is vital to the church, we recommend the following:

That the sentence "The Easter and Children's Day services shall be published annually in the interest of this Board." Be stricken from the Discipline on Page 76, the Board of Missions Constitution, Article VIII in the third paragraph the last sentence.

Since this is a vital part of the growth of our church, we recommend that these responsibilities come under the Board of Christian Education. We therefore recommend that:

The phrase "Children's Day Program" be inserted on Page 84 Article V. Religious Education Paragraph A so that it read:

"The Board of Religious Education shall have oversight of the denominational program of religious education, (as carried forward by the Sunday Schools, Methodist Protestant Young People's Societies, Vacation and Weekday Church Schools, Methodist Protestant Bible Training Schools, Young People's Conferences, Children's Day Programs and similar agencies.)"

Also, that under Membership, Paragraph 2. In the final paragraph on page 85, be changed to read:

"The 'Committee of Religious Education' as used in this section is interpreted as meaning that organization in each local church which is responsible to the church for the conduct of its total program of Religious Education as carried forward by the Sunday Schools, Methodist Protestant Young People's Societies, Vacation and Weekday Church Schools, Children's Day Programs and similar agencies."

PROPOSAL # 2

Discipline Changes re: III. Annual Missionary Convention

In that the Women's Missionary Convention has asked for the Annual Missionary Convention be changed to a Quadrennial Convention, we recommend the following changes be made to read:

Page 78 (2012 Discipline) -- III. **Quadrennial** Missionary Convention

Page 78 -- III. Section 1; paragraph 1 read: "The purpose of the **Quadrennial** Missionary Convention shall be to consider the work of the women in the missionary program of the church, to review the needs and opportunities in all mission fields, to conduct a school of methods for missionary workers and to engage in any other activity that will advance the Women's Missionary work of the Methodist Protestant Church."

Page 79 -- III. Section 4 read: "The **Quadrennial** Convention shall elect a President, Vice President, Assistant Secretary, Departmental Secretaries, and two Standing Committees which shall be known as a Committee on Education and a Committee on Program and Findings, and they shall not serve for a period longer than four consecutive years. The Woman Executive Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Missionary Convention.

Page 79 -- III. Section 5 read: "At each **Quadrennial** convention, the Committee on Education, consisting of five members, shall through addresses, round-table discussions, question boxes and exhibits give to the representatives of Branches suggestive programs, methods of raising money, ways of interesting women in the work and other information which will assist them in the activities of the Branches and Auxiliaries.

Page 79 --III. Section 6 read: "The Committee on Program and Findings shall consist of five members, three of whom shall be the officers of the **Quadrennial** Convention. The Committee shall arrange the program of the **Quadrennial** Convention with the purpose of presenting the entire work of the church both educationally and missionary. It shall include in its program a department of methods which shall be under the direction of the Committee on Education. It shall review the whole missionary program of the denomination, its needs and opportunities, and present its findings in a report to the **Quadrennial** Convention which, when adopted, shall be presented to the Board of Missions for review and adoption as far as may be practicable in the interest of the work.

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 and Nominating 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. 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.
 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

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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	Total Offerings	Total Expenses	Total Auxiliaries	Benevolence
Bear Creek	\$17,628.70	\$48,766.92	—	\$1,072.22
Castle Chapel	\$21,318.47	\$20,380.35	\$465.22	\$1,347.00
Clear Creek	\$70,478.82	\$72,107.68	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Coxburg				
Cross Roads	\$15,911.00	\$19,214.66	—	—
Cross Point	\$57,114.00	\$77,090.00	\$1,000.00	—
Divide Memorial	\$153,951.29	\$163,941.92	\$17,158.25	\$2,674.00
Forest Grove	\$50,599.30	\$50,049.30	—	\$550.00
Friendship				
Golden Grove	\$6,360.25	\$4,543.53	—	—
Hickory Grove				
Laurel	\$25,546.41	\$30,301.84	\$736.00	\$396.00
Monticello	\$113,101.67	\$103,992.65	\$1,817.24	\$578.75
Neely	\$72,298.30	\$72,807.31	—	—
New Hope	\$10,594.80	\$12,903.38	—	—
Newton	\$87,736.83	\$97,363.90	\$2,145.10	\$1,205.00
Pineville	\$9,230.40	\$10,041.35	—	\$200.00
Sharp Memorial	\$50,282.41	\$21,244.29	\$4,243.71	\$3,753.00
Shiloh	\$55,788.31	\$49,195.29	\$122.09	\$988.98

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Church	Operational Expenses	Evangelistic Outreach	Conference Tithes	Missions Expenses	Other
Bear Creek	\$45,157.26	—	\$1,939.16	\$1,670.00	—
Castle Chapel	\$3,552.18	—	\$2,071.27	\$1,875.00	\$12,881.90
Clear Creek	\$40,896.23	\$3,285.88	\$6,330.98	\$7,000.00	\$14,594.59
Coxburg					
Cross Roads	\$17,473.56	—	\$1,591.10	—	\$150.00
Cross Point	\$55,649.00	\$500.00	\$4,939.00	\$225.00	\$15,777.00
Divide Memorial	\$129,676.92	\$8,706.00	\$17,352.00	\$8,207.00	—
Forest Grove	\$33,762.17	\$3,302.67	\$4,978.06	—	\$8,006.40
Friendship					
Golden Grove	\$2,316.15	—	\$427.38	—	\$200.00
Hickory Grove					
Laurel	\$19,434.89	\$209.40	\$2,735.00	\$1,380.00	\$6,542.55
Monticello	\$67,987.25	\$9,526.74	\$10,218.66	\$16,260.00	—
Neely	\$56,629.76	\$3,000.00	\$3,221.50	\$4,045.00	\$5,911.05
New Hope	\$10,749.32	\$850.00	\$1,304.06	—	—
Newton	\$83,674.05	\$3,144.36	\$5,950.00	\$4,175.49	\$420.00
Pineville	\$7,980.95	—	\$1,015.40	\$795.00	\$250.00
Sharp Memorial	\$11,058.67	\$1,701.21	\$3,157.29	\$996.50	\$4,330.62
Shiloh	\$43,249.09	\$600.00	\$5,346.20	—	—

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Church	Members Previous Year	Members Current Year	Average Attendance AM/PM	Sunday School Membership	WMS Membership
Bear Creek	50	45	8/0	10	—
Castle Chapel	43	46	18/0	11	—
Clear Creek	120	130	75/30	30	16
Coxburg					
Cross Roads	32	32	10	—	—
Cross Point	75	74	30/—	10	—
Divide Memorial	177	175	85/26	80	11
Forest Grove	66	65	—/—	38	8
Friendship	22				
Golden Grove	—	—	—	—	—
Hickory Grove	34				
Laurel	83	84	20/—	—	—
Monticello	79	78	55/25	45	8
Neely	80	81	35/21	24	—
New Hope	30	—	9/—	6	—
Newton	81	79	45/25	36	10
Pineville	9	9	7/—	—	—
Sharp Memorial	35	36	35/25	23	11
Shiloh	73	80	45/34	30	6

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Church	Laymen's Fellowship	JMS Membership	Youth Ministries	Number Justified	Number Baptized	Number Sanctified
Bear Creek	—	—	—	—	—	—
Castle Chapel	—	—	—	2	2	3
Clear Creek	9	6	15	—	8	—
Coxburg						
Cross Roads	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cross Point	—	10	—	—	3	—
Divide Memorial	20	—	26	1	—	—
Forest Grove	5	—	14	—	—	—
Friendship						
Golden Grove	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hickory Grove						
Laurel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monticello	—	—	8	—	1	—
Neely	—	—	—	2	1	2
New Hope	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newton	—	—	8	4	—	—
Pineville	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sharp Memorial	16	5	14	—	1	—
Shiloh	6	—	—	—	2	—

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Asset Stats Church	Value of Buildings	Value of Parsonage	Other Assets
Bear Creek	\$285,000.00	—	—
Castle Chapel	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,536.24
Clear Creek	\$250,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$12,000.00
Coxburg			
Cross Roads	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	—
Cross Point	\$1,500,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$425,000.00
Divide Memorial	\$1,309,000.00	\$131,000.00	\$98,000.00
Forest Grove	\$456,000.00	\$178,000.00	\$30,000.00
Friendship	\$214,000.00	—	\$25,000.00
Golden Grove	—	—	—
Hickory Grove	—	—	—
Laurel	\$111,200.00	\$65,000.00	\$54,000.00
Monticello	\$1,724,000.00	\$222,500.00	\$225,289.65
Neely	\$350,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$75,000.00
New Hope	\$165,200.00	\$152,000.00	—
Newton	\$282,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$132,000.00
Pineville	\$25,000.00	—	\$5,000.00
Sharp Memorial	\$180,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$8,000.00
Shiloh	\$200,000.00	—	\$50,000.00

