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Rev. Newton Pertuit	Doyle Whitehead

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Rev. Dan Henry, III	Angel Hosey
Rev. Mike Tullis	Jeff Little

STATIONING COMMITTEE

Rev. LaDon Dawson	Robert Johnson
Rev. Billy Frazure	Doyle Whitehead

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1 yr	Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins	Debbie Little
2 yrs	Rev. Bobby Dawson	Gloria McConnell
3 yrs	Rev. Reggie Smith	Angel Hosey
4 yrs	Rev. LaDon Dawson	Dianne Reid

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1 yr	Rev. Peter Lanigan	Dr. Kathryn Rush
2 yrs	Rev. Reggie Smith	Richard Garrett
3 yrs	Rev. Mrs. Donna Sellers	Jan Sellers
4 yrs	Rev. Dan Henry, III	Robert Quimby

SUPERANNUATE FUND BOARD

1 yr	Rev. James Roy Killingsworth	John Weston
2 yrs	Rev. Billy Frazure	Donis Chatham

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2 yrs	Rev. B. F. Gerald	Jane Boyd	Wesley Cunningham
3 yrs	Rev. James Roy Killingsworth	Cathy Frazure	Richard Garrett

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1 yr	Rev. Newton Pertuit	Richie Little
2 yrs	Rev. Mike Tullis	Henry Carmichael

CHURCH RELATIONS

1 yr	Rev. Mike Tullis	Earl Haley
2 yrs	Rev. LaDon Dawson	Robert Johnson

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1 yr	Rev. Bobby Dawson	2 yrs	Pete Boyd
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1 yr	Rev. Carlos Dawson, II	2 yrs	Richie Little
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Rev. John W. Gerald	Doyle Whitehead

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OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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COMMUNION COMMITTEE

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Rev. Bobby Dawson	Rev. Peter Lanigan	Rev. Billy Frazure

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Maxine Jenkins	Jeff Little
Rev. Reggie Smith	Doyle Whitehead

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. James Roy Killingsworth	Wesley Cunningham
Rev. Mike Tullis	Jeff Little
	Pete Boyd

RULES OF ORDER COMMITTEE

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GROUP II

APPEALS COMMITTEE

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Rev. Ralph Gerald	Donis Chatham

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Rev. Wayne Sellers	Duffy Bankston
Rev. Maxine Jenkins	Robert Johnson

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Rev. Dan Henry, III	Doyle Whitehead
Rev. Carlos Dawson, II	Gloria McConnell

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Rev. Wayne Sellers

Wesley Cunningham
Angel Hosey

FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Reggie Smith
Rev. John Jenkins

Angel Hosey
Ann Fleming

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. LaDon Dawson
Rev. Billy F. Gerald

Lessie Carmichael
Julia Sorey

THANKS COMMITTEE

Rev. Peter Lanigan
Rev. Billy Frazure

Ann Fleming
Donis Chatham

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS

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.....	Hands of the President
Hickory Grove.....	Newton Pertuit
Laurel	James Roy Killingsworth
Monticello	Peter Lanigan
Neely	Reggie Smith
New Hope	Wayne Killingsworth
Newton	David Lane
Pineville	Maxine Jenkins
Sharp Memorial.....	Hands of the President
Shiloh	Billy Frazure
Supply Pastor	Donna Sellers
Caribbean Resource Ministries.....	Wayne Sellers

CONFERENCE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 10:00 A. M.

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

Prayer: Rev. Newton Pertuit

Piano: Mrs. Lessie Carmichael

Song Service led by Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song: *Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Song: *Are You Washed in the Blood*

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

Group I Committees were appointed.

Recessed for committee work in prayer by Rev. Reggie Smith.

Wednesday, 11:00 A. M. Ordination and Communion Service

Piano: Mrs. Lessie Carmichael

Song Service led by Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song: *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins presented the report from the Credentials Committee. Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins moved its acceptance. Seconded by Doyle Whitehead. The report was accepted.

Rev. Billy Frazure presented the report from the Committee on Rules and Order. Rev. Billy Frazure moved its adoption. Seconded by Robert Johnson. The report was adopted.

Rev. Dan Henry III presented a partial report from the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee. Rev. Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Seconded by Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins. The report was adopted.

Song: *Faith of Our Fathers*

Special Song: *Thank You*, Rev. Carlos Dawson II

Introduction of speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Speaker: Rev. Newton Pertuit

Ordination Message: The Watchman

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1-9

The minister is called to be a watchman, to wield the Sword (God's Word) and warn the wicked.

Prayer: Rev. Newton Pertuit

Rev. Michael Tullis was ordained by the Ordination Committee consisting of Rev. Marc Williams, Rev. Carlos Dawson II, Rev. Newton Pertuit and Rev. Bobby Dawson.

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

Prayer: Rev. B. F. Gerald

Piano: Mrs. Lessie Carmichael

Song Service led by Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song: *At the Cross*

Introduction of devotion speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams

Devotion Speaker: Dr. Philip Speas, President Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: How to Enjoy the Ministry

Prayer: Dr. Phil Speas

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Called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams.

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

Roll Call

Ministers	13
Unstationed Ministers	0
Superannuates	2
Undergraduates	0
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. Billy Frazure. Report was accepted.

Floor returned to the President.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Robert Quimby. Motion to accept by Rev. LaDon Dawson. Seconded by Rev. Billy Frazure. Report was accepted.

Rev. Dan Henry, III presented the report from the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee. Rev. Dan Henry, III moved its adoption. Seconded by Doyle Whitehead. 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 and special requests by Rev. LaDon Dawson.

Elections were held by the Elections Committee.

Rev. Marc Williams was nominated as President. Doyle Whitehead moved that nominations be ceased. Seconded by Otis Rutland. Motion carried.

Rev. Newton Pertuit nominated Rev. Bobby Dawson for Secretary. Motion that nominations cease by Otis Rutland. Seconded by Doyle Whitehead. Motion carried.

Rev. Marc Williams nominated Robert Quimby for Treasurer. Rev. Marc Williams moved the nominations cease. Seconded by Rev. Billy Frazure. Motion carried.

It was noted that Rev. Newton Pertuit, who was elected to the District Committee, is ineligible to sit on more than one additional committee. On evaluation it was found that he is currently sitting on the Superannuate Fund Board, the Board of Church Extension and Church Relations. Since ballots have already been taken up, the decision was made to have a special election following the report of the results on the ballot to replace Rev. Newton Pertuit, at his request, on the Superannuate Fund Board and the Church Relations Committee

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. Reggie Smith 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. Dan Henry III.

Wednesday, 7:00 P. M. Worship Service

Prayer: Bro. Dennis Calcote

Piano: Rev. Peter Lanigan

Song Service led by Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song: *At Calvary*

Song: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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Song: *Love Lifted Me*

Special Song: *I Can't Even Walk*, Robert and Peggy Johnson

Introduction of speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams

Speaker: Dr. Philip Speas, President Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Scripture: What Matters to God?

Topic: Mark 12:28-31

Prayer: Dr. Philip Speas

There are four levels of motivation for Christians

1. The motivation of fear
2. The motivation of duty
3. The motivation of debt
4. The motivation of love

"The outstanding saints serve God out of Love." Dr. Speas

God wants us to give Him ourselves because we love Him.

"He [God] wants hearts overflowing with love for Him." Dr. Speas

Is your love relationship growing? Or have you gotten busy and allowed it to plateau?

Song: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Recessed in prayer by Dr. Philip Speas.

Thursday, 8:30 A. M. Business Session

Prayer: Rev. Dan Henry III

Piano: Mrs. Lessie Carmichael

Song Service led by Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song: *It Is Well With My Soul*

Song: *The Solid Rock*

Introduction of devotion speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Devotion Speaker: Rev. Michael Tullis

Topic: Where's the Fire?

Scripture: Hebrews 12:28-29

Prayer: Rev. Michael 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

Undergraduates 2

Deaconess 1

Lay Delegates 16

Minutes were read by the Secretary. Correction recommended. Motion to accept by Rev. Newton Pertuit. Wesley Cunningham seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted with corrections.

Results of count of ballots were announced by Rev. Michael Tullis .

Elections were held at this time to replace Rev. Newton Pertuit on the Superannuate Fund Board and Church Relations Committee.

Rev. Carlos Dawson II nominated Rev. James Roy Killingsworth to the Superannuate Fund Board.

Final election results were read by Rev. Michael Tullis and are noted in the Conference Officials and Committee Listings.

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

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Reggie Smith moved its adoption. Seconded by Wesley Cunningham. The partial report was adopted.

Rev. Dan Henry III presented a partial report from the Ministerial Education and Relations Committee. Rev. Reggie Smith moved it be adopted. Seconded by Gloria McConnell. The report was adopted.

Rev. Newton Pertuit asked that the District Committee and the President meet to evaluate committees

Recessed in prayer by Rev. Billy Frazure.

Thursday, 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Prayer: Rev. James Roy Killingsworth

Piano: Mrs. Lessie Carmichael

Song Service led by Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song: *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

Song: *We Are Marching to Zion*

Special Music: *You're My Everything*, Donna Rose

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

Speaker: Dr. Philip Speas, President Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: How Do We Pray?

Scripture: Acts 4:23-30, 5:12-14

Prayer: Dr. Philip Speas

The Disciples prayed for boldness.

When is the last time you stepped out in faith to do something big and bold for God?

Too often our prayers are selfish.

The Disciples prayed for miracles.

The Disciples prayed earnestly and loudly.

The greatest asset we have in ministry is the glory and power of God.

"Great things happen when the church prays well." Dr. Phil Speas

"Nothing impresses the unsaved more than when they sense love and unity in the church." Dr. Phil Speas

Great praying leads to great anointing.

Are we praying like the Disciples prayed? Are we willing to?

Prayer: Dr. Phil Speas

Recessed with prayer and the blessing for lunch by Rev. Benny Crawford.

Thursday, 1:00 P. M. Memorial Service

Prayer: Rev. Bobby L. Dawson

Rev. LaDon Dawson presented the report from the Memorials Committee. Opportunity was given to the floor to speak about anyone who was named.

Rev. LaDon Dawson moved its adoption. Seconded by Wesley Cunningham. 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.

Presentation of General Conference Work.

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

Floor returned to the President.

Session called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams.

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Rev. Carlos Dawson, II recommended for consideration in the business session tomorrow morning that By-Law #19 be amended to include the District Committee to the list of exempted committees.

Recessed in prayer by Rev. John Jenkins.

Thursday 7:00 P. M.

Prayer: Rev. Newton Pertuit

Piano: Rev. Peter Lanigan

Song Service led by Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song: *I Must Tell Jesus*

Song: *Take the Name of Jesus With You*

Song: *The Cleansing Wave*

Special Song: *Master of the Wind*, Wesley Cunningham

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

Speaker: Dr. Philip Speas, President Kentucky Mountain Bible College

Topic: Our Wesleyan Heritage

Prayer: Dr. Philip Speas

History provides us with a reference point.

Wesley's cardinal doctrine was entire sanctification, which he called "perfect love".

"Do all the good you can to as many as you can." John Wesley

Service was dismissed by Dr. Philip Speas.

Friday 8:30 A. M. Business Session

Prayer: Rev. Marc Williams

Piano: Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song Service led by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II

Song: *Spirit of the Living God*

Song: *Trust and Obey*

Introduction of devotion speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams

Devotion Speaker: Billy Martin

Prayer: Billy Martin

Topic: Moses

Imagine how Moses' mother felt when she placed her baby in the basket on the Nile.

"Perfect love expels all fear."

Prayer: Gloria McConnell

Called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams

Delegates were called within the bar.

Roll Call

Ministers	10
Unstationed Ministers	0
Deaconess	2
Superannuates	2
Undergraduates	2
Lay Delegates	12

Minutes were read by the secretary. Motion to accept the minutes by Wesley Cunningham. Donis Chatham seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted with corrections.

Rev. Billy Frazure presented the report from the Thanks Committee. Rev. Billy Frazure moved it be adopted. Seconded by Rev. Newton Pertuit. The report was adopted.

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Rev. Newton Pertuit presented the report from the Board of Church Extension. Rev. Newton Pertuit moved its adoption. Wesley Cunningham seconded the motion. The report was adopted.

Rev. James Roy Killingsworth presented the report from the Superannuate Fund Board. Rev. Billy Frazure moved it be adopted. Seconded by Donis Chatham. The report was adopted.

Rev. Carlos Dawson II moved that By-Law #19 be amended to include the District Committee with the Stationing and Nominating Committees as exceptions. The By-Law as amended would read "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." Seconded by Rev. Newton Pertuit. The vote was 18 for and 0 against. The motion to amend passed.

Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins presented the report from the Audit Committee. Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins moved its adoption. Seconded by Doyle Whitehead. The report was adopted.

Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins presented the report from the Deaconess Board. Rev. Mrs. Maxine Jenkins moved its adoption. Seconded by Robert Johnson. The report was adopted.

Jeff Little presented the report from the Mississippi Laymen's Fellowship President Richie Little. Wesley Cunningham moved its adoption. Seconded by Donis Chatham. The report was adopted.

Recessed in prayer by Robert Johnson until time for the worship service.

Friday, 10:20 AM Business Session

The business session was called to order by President Rev. Marc Williams.

Rev. Michael Tullis presented the report from Church Relations. Rev. John Gerald moved it be adopted. Seconded by Donis Chatham. The report was adopted.

Rev. Carlos Dawson, II presented the report from the Committee on Evangelism. Rev. Carlos Dawson, II moved it be adopted. Seconded by Jeff Little. The report was adopted.

Rev. Carlos Dawson, II presented the report from the Finance Committee. Rev. Carlos Dawson, II moved it be adopted. Seconded by Wesley Cunningham.

Rev. John Gerald reported for the Historical Committee. Rev. John Gerald moved it be adopted. Seconded by Jeff Little. The report was adopted.

Rev. Marc Williams presented the report from the Stationing Committee. Rev. LaDon Dawson moved its adoption. Seconded by Wesley Cunningham. The report was adopted.

The Appeals Committee reported no appeals.

Recessed in prayer by Rev. Newton Pertuit.

Friday, 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Prayer: Wesley Cunningham

Piano: Mrs. Jane Boyd

Song Service led by Rev. Carlos Dawson, II

Song: *Take Time To Be Holy*

Song: *More About Jesus*

Song: *Cleanse Me*

Special Song: *Paid in Full by the Blood of the Lamb*, Wesley Cunningham

Introduction of speaker by President Rev. Marc Williams

Speaker: Dr. Philip Speas, President Kentucky Mountain Bible College

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Topic: How to Preach and Teach the Message of Heart Holiness

Prayer: Dr. Philip Speas

To be a movement you have to have a central doctrine that makes you unique.

We must preach heart holiness.

We must experience heart holiness.

Be articulate in defining heart holiness.

Understand what sin is.

Understand what repentance is.

Repentance is foundational for an understanding of holiness.

If you lower the standard, you lower the performance.

Preach all the doctrine of holiness so our people will get a clear picture of holiness.

Preach the doctrine of carnality clearly.

Preach on how to seek entire sanctification.

Do not pick the fruit before it is ripe.

Teach what heart purity is and what it is not.

Holiness is purity of intention and motive. It is not perfect activity.

Preach on heart holiness often.

Preach both the rugged truths and the beauty of holiness.

Encourage people to read holiness classics and sing the great holiness songs.

Identify the excuses behind which people are hiding.

Preach growth after entire sanctification.

Preach holiness well, often and clearly.

Prayer: Rev. Reggie Smith

President Rev. Marc Williams called the conference to order.

The Minutes were read by the Secretary. Rev. Billy Frazure moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Seconded by Wesley Cunningham. The minutes were accepted.

Motion to adjourn by Rev. John Gerald.

The One Hundred Seventy-Sixth Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference adjourned with prayer by Dr. Philip Speas. The next Regular Session convenes at 10:00 A.M. on June 20, 2018, 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 Seventy-Sixth 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. Mr. Tracy Eldridge has filled the pulpit for some time, pray for Coxburg Church, they haven't sent a delegate to conference for several years.

This past year I have visited with several of the churches in our conference. I was honored to be asked to speak at last years homecoming service at First Methodist Protestant Church of Monticello.

This year I have worked closely with, our Board of Directors and our Trustees. The Bathrooms in the girls dorm were completed before Bible camp. This renovation was much needed and they are ready for several more years of service. I have also been talking with the realtor about the Magee property. There hasn't been any offers to purchase or any interested buyers during this conference year. There was some wind damage to the Tabernacle and boys dorm this has been repaired at minimal cost. I'm sure you are aware of the construction downstairs, the Layman's fellowship and the Board of Directors and Trustee's wanted to do something with the floors. They came and took the old tile up, this left a ten day window for repairs. We wanted this to be completed before conference but as you can see its a "work in progress". This will be a nice feature for years to come.

I told you last conference about starting a church plant around McComb Ms. We had several of our churches band together on this work. Meetings began to take place and thoughts and prayers on how to accomplish this endeavor and Way of Life Church was created. They were meeting at Southwest Community College and after a period of time it was realized that meeting here was not beneficial for church growth. This work was "suspended" for a time. After meeting with some of the leaders of this outreach we felt that God wanted this work to go on. We have leased a building on Hwy 98 east in McComb Ms. Rev. Max Foreman has been speaking for "Way of Life". Max is just helping us at this time so that we can have a regular preacher and a regular time. The first Sunday in new building there was 27 and it has averaged in the teens since. Continue to pray for this outreach, at this time they are in need of a worship leader and a pianist. I'm looking forward to see what God has in store for Way of Life.

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-Sixth 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, 2017, 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 six 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%).....\$8,723.93

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2017

<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance 06/01/16</i>	<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Checking Account Interest Earned</i>	<i>Transfers</i>	<i>Disbursements</i>	<i>Balance 05/31/17</i>
Annual Conf.						
Budget.....	\$10,256.30	\$21,644.02	\$13.56		\$26,100.52	\$5,813.36
Bible Camp	\$21,162.31	\$51,629.24	\$31.64		\$35,234.41	\$37,588.78
Church Ext.	\$105,014.22	\$3.05	\$158.24		\$4,859.23	
Int. Vicksburg.....			\$651.98			
Prin. Vicksburg		\$3,987.94				
Total	\$105,014.22	\$3,990.99	\$810.22		\$4,859.23..	\$104,956.20
Superannuate.....	\$5,492.74	\$5,398.33	\$9.04		\$6,000.00	\$4,900.11
Annual Conf. Expense.	\$2,129.74	\$2,500.00	\$4.52		\$1,537.97	\$3,096.29
Girls Dorm Fund	\$3,002.03		\$6.78			\$3,008.81
Coun.Rel.Ed.....	\$0.00	\$3,806.90			\$3,806.90	\$0.00
Home Missions	\$1,642.60	\$3,414.11	\$2.28		\$3,400.00	\$1,658.99
Gen. Conf. Budget.....	\$0.00	\$31,732.00			\$31,732.00	\$0.00
Mission Shares	\$0.00	\$8,441.05			\$8,441.05	\$0.00
Totals	\$148,699.94	\$132,556.64	\$878.04		\$121,112.08..	\$161,022.54

**MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED
31 MAY 2017**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance 06/01/16</i>	<i>Interest Earned</i>	<i>Trans.</i>	<i>Balance 05/31/17</i>
Annual Conference	\$4,040.01	\$38.94		\$4,078.95
Bible Camp	\$1,260.27	\$19.48		\$1,279.75
Church Extension.....	\$188,699.44	\$1,888.86		\$190,588.30
Totals	\$193,999.72	\$1,947.28		\$195,947.00

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

BEGINNING BALANCE 6/1/16	INTEREST EARNED	ENDING BALANCE 5/31/17
\$193,999.72	\$1,947.28	\$195,947.00

**CERTIFICATE OF DEPORIST
SUPERANNUATE FUND**

BEGINNING BALANCE 06/01/16	INTEREST EARNED	ENDING BALANCE 05/31/17
\$24,825.78	\$249.19	\$25,074.97

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUDGET ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year End 5/31/17	Fiscal Year End 5/31/16
Presidential Expense		
Salary	\$1,500.00	\$3,600.00
Expense		
Mileage		\$336.50
Other (Printed Material)		
Total Presidential Expense.....	\$1,500.00	\$3,936.50
Secretarial Expense		
Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Expense.....	\$242.74	
Postage/Envelopes		
Total Secretarial Expense.....	\$1,742.74	\$1,000.00
Treasurer's Expense		
Salary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Expense		
Stamps.....	\$212.99	\$147.00
Supplies.....	\$342.67	\$160.87
Forms & Paper	\$349.04	\$335.56
Total Treasurer's Expense	\$2,904.70	\$2,643.73
Other Annual Conference Expense		
Printing Minutes.....	\$464.65	\$440.57
Conference Speaker.....	\$1,403.00	
General Conf. Missions.....	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Insurance.....	\$6,688.00	\$6,258.00
Seminar.....	\$1,670.94	
Pastor's Banquet.....	\$1,117.49	\$1,170.95
Kentucky Mt. Bible.....		\$750.00
General Conference President.....	\$4,320.00	\$4,320.00
Wesley Biblical Seminary.....		
Bible for Sellers.....		
Flowers.....		\$107.00
Plaques.....	\$27.00	\$377.03
San Lazaro Classroom.....	\$2,500.00	
Communion Supplies.....	\$24.02	
Total Other Annual Conf. Expense	\$19,215.10	\$14,432.55
Total Annual Conference Expense	\$25,362.54	\$22,003.48

BIBLE CAMP EXPENSE ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year End 5/31/17	Fiscal Year End 5/31/16
Telephone	\$1,812.52	\$1,519.40
Water	\$648.75	\$863.65
Electricity	\$5,658.10	\$5,412.89
Butane (Includes Tank Rental)	\$613.62	\$872.39
Air Conditioning & Units	\$1,877.85	\$363.80
Guard	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Maintenance & Misc.	\$1,012.29	\$1,719.58
Gas & Mower Parts	\$50.00	\$102.50
Grass Cutting	\$1,200.00	\$2,200.00
Kitchen		
Cleaning	\$50.00	\$650.00
Mower Service	\$1,414.97	\$62.50
Refrigerator		\$3,003.49
Lift	\$737.98	
Septic Tank	\$600.00	
Girls Dorm	\$17,850.00	
Breaker Box	\$365.00	
Repair Auto/Visual	\$143.33	
Total Bible Camp Expense	\$35,234.41	\$17,972.90

SUPERANNUATE FUND EXPENSE ANALYSIS

Mrs. Lessie Carmichael	\$600.00	\$600.00
Mrs. Helen Jenkins	\$600.00	\$600.00
Rev. Kenton Renfroe	\$960.00	\$950.00
Rev. John W. Gerald	\$960.00	\$950.00
Rev. John Jenkins	\$960.00	\$950.00
Rev. Paul Edwards	\$960.00	\$950.00
Rev. Ralph Gerald	\$960.00	\$950.00
Total Superannuate Fund Expense	\$6,000.00	\$5,950.00

ANNUAL CONFERENCE EXPENSE

	Fiscal Year End 5/31/17	Fiscal Year End 5/31/16
Food for Conference.....	\$987.97.....	\$513.78
Cooks for Conference.....	\$550.00.....	\$550.00
Ice.....		\$17.00
Total Annual Conference Expense	\$1,537.97.....	\$1,080.78

Mission Share Analysis

Receipts:

Belize Missions.....	\$2,480.00
Brand Memorial Fund.....	\$3,155.55
General Conf. Missions.....	\$1,000.00
Missions (One Day I Give)	\$1,195.00
Belize School Scholarships	\$610.00

Total Receipts..... \$8,440.55

Sent to General Conference Treasurer..... **\$8,440.55**

Balance in Mission Share Fund 05/31/17.....\$0.00

HOME MISSIONS

<u>Balance (6/1/16)</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Disburse</u>	<u>Balance (5/31/17)</u>
\$1,642.60	\$3,414.11	\$2.28	\$3,400.00.....	\$1,658.99

BIBLE CAMP UPKEEP

RECEIPTS:

Shiloh.....	\$100.00
Clear Creek	\$100.00
Golden Grove.....	\$100.00
Bear Creek	\$100.00
General Conference	\$600.00
Sharp Memorial	\$150.00
Neely.....	\$150.00
Pineville.....	\$150.00
Newton	\$150.00
Cross Point.....	\$150.00
New Hope	\$150.00
Castle Chapel.....	\$150.00
Clear Creek	\$150.00
Bear Creek	\$150.00
Shiloh.....	\$150.00
Laurel.....	\$150.00
Forest Grove	\$150.00
Divide	\$150.00

Total..... \$2,950.00

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

MS. WMS Branch-----	Mirrors Girls Dorm	\$200.00
Council Rel Ed. -----	Insurance Camp	\$1,800.00
Richard Little-----	Camp Space	\$25.00
Deborah Little-----	Camp Space	\$25.00
New South Logging-----	Timber Sale.....	\$36,292.32
Southern Pine Elec. Power-----	1985 Capital Cr.....	\$51.59
Southern Pine Elec. Power-----	1985 Capital Cr.....	\$13.04
Southern Pine Elec. Power-----	1982-83 Capital Cr.....	\$53.11
Strickland Church of Christ-----	Rent Camp	\$200.00
Sharp Memorial WMS-----	McComb Rent.....	\$100.00
Brotherhood Mutual-----	Refund	\$67.00
Strickland Church of Christ-----	Camp Rental	\$1,700.00
MS WMS Branch-----	Lights Tabernacle	\$400.00

Total..... \$40,927.06

RECEIPTS BY CHURCHES
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2017

Church	Assessments	Annual Budget	Bible Camp	Council of Religious Education	General Conf. Budget
Bear Creek	\$2,749.39	\$668.01	\$333.98	\$133.54	\$1,113.35
Castle Chapel	\$1,775.00	\$163.62	\$231.78	\$32.70	\$272.70
Clear Creek	\$8,429.99	\$2,217.26	\$1,108.62	\$443.43	\$3,695.43
Coxburg	\$329.85	\$8.13	\$204.06	\$1.62	\$13.56
Cross Point	\$6,544.29	\$1,539.89	\$769.92	\$307.93	\$2,566.50
Crossroads	\$1,709.50	\$425.29	\$212.63	\$85.05	\$708.84
Divide Memorial	\$16,920.00	\$3,771.75	\$1,885.86	\$754.31	\$6,286.31
Forest Grove	\$5,321.13	\$1,288.76	\$644.34	\$257.69	\$2,147.96
Friendship	\$1,070.53	\$291.96	\$145.96	\$58.38	\$486.60
Golden Grove	\$100.00				
Hickory Grove	\$892.73	\$202.34	\$101.14	\$40.41	\$337.26
Laurel	\$4,171.00	\$720.19	\$360.07	\$143.76	\$1,200.33
Monticello	\$9,381.41	\$2,558.55	\$1,279.25	\$511.64	\$4,264.27
Neely	\$3,916.73	\$727.29	\$363.63	\$145.43	\$1,212.15
New Hope	\$872.81	\$237.93	\$118.94	\$47.56	\$396.55
Newton	\$6,552.60	\$1,554.48	\$777.24	\$310.80	\$2,590.80
Pineville	\$1,180.00	\$280.90	\$140.45	\$56.18	\$468.18
Sharp Memorial	\$3,902.88	\$1,023.51	\$511.74	\$204.68	\$1,705.85
Shiloh	\$5,209.32	\$1,338.87	\$669.42	\$267.73	\$2,231.50
Totals	\$81,029.16	\$19,018.73	\$9,859.03	\$3,802.84	\$31,698.14

RECEIPTS BY CHURCHES
MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH
FISCAL YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2017 Continued

Church	S & MS	Home Missions	Superannuate Fund	Conference Expense	Totals
Bear Creek	—	\$11.07	\$189.44	\$300.00	\$2,749.39
Castle Chapel	\$1,025.00	\$2.70	\$46.50	—	\$1,775.00
Clear Creek	—	\$36.94	\$628.31	\$300.00	\$8,429.99
Coxburg	\$100.00	\$0.13	\$2.35	—	\$329.85
Cross Point	\$747.95	\$25.61	\$436.49	\$150.00	\$6,544.29
Crossroads	—	\$7.07	\$120.62	\$150.00	\$1,709.50
Divide Memorial	\$2,940.00	\$62.81	\$1,068.96	\$150.00	\$16,920.00
Forest Grove	\$445.50	\$21.42	\$365.46	\$150.00	\$5,321.13
Friendship	—	\$4.83	\$82.80	—	\$1,070.53
Golden Grove	—	—	—	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hickory Grove	—	\$3.94	\$57.64	\$150.00	\$892.73
Laurel	\$1,380.00	\$11.97	\$204.68	\$150.00	\$4,171.00
Monticello	—	\$42.57	\$725.13	—	\$9,381.41
Neely	\$1,100.00	\$12.07	\$206.16	\$150.00	\$3,916.73
New Hope	—	\$3.92	\$67.91	—	\$872.81
Newton	\$702.60	\$25.80	\$440.88	\$150.00	\$6,552.60
Pineville	—	\$4.68	\$79.61	\$150.00	\$1,180.00
Sharp Memorial	—	\$17.03	\$290.07	\$150.00	\$3,902.88
Shiloh	—	\$22.27	\$379.53	\$300.00	\$5,209.32
Totals	\$8,441.05	\$316.83	\$5,392.54	\$2,500.00	\$81,029.16

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-Sixth 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. Billy Frazure

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We, the Audit Committee have examined the financial records of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church on June 22, 2017. We found them in excellent order.

We commend the treasurer, Mr. Robert Quimby, for his conscientious dedication to accountability.

The treasurer must receive monthly reports and Conference assessments from the churches for each fiscal year ending May 31 by June 10th in order to be included in the Annual Conference report.

Submitted by,
Rev. Wayne Sellers
Rev. Maxine Jenkins
Mr. Duffy Bankston
Mr. Robert Johnson

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Evangelism, submit the following for adoption:

1. That churches to hold VBS annually.
2. That all pastors and church members support and attend Bible camp, retreats, and other events which are presented by the Council of Religious Education.
3. That churches hold annual revival meetings.
4. That all pastors and churches support the training that the MEAR committee provides throughout the conference year.
5. That all pastors teach evangelism and personal witnessing at least annually.
6. That all pastors and churches get involved with their respective communities and canvas their areas for evangelistic opportunities.
7. That churches use Sunday school small groups to promote outreach and use it as a means to bring new people into their churches to promote growth.
8. That the conference support physically and financially new mission churches.

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9. Whereas the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts of America have embraced beliefs that are unscriptural and not in accordance with the doctrine of the Methodist Protestant Church, that our churches and its members withdraw from such organizations and join another such organization that promotes godliness and holiness.
10. Whereas some retail and other consumer related retailers have forsaken the teachings of scripture and have chosen to put our families in physical and spiritual danger, that our members not lead our children away from the Lord by supporting such with our business.
11. That our Pastors and church leaders pursue Christian Educational opportunities made available through the Methodist Protestant Church such as the Holiness Summit offered by the Board of Christian Education and other Religious educational offerings by Wesleyan Arminian organizations such as the Pastor's Retreat provided by Kentucky Mountain Bible College.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Carlos Dawson, II, Chairman

MEMORIALS

We present this list of warriors from our local churches that have gone to be with the Lord during the conference year 2016-2017:

Crossroads:

J W (Buddy) Cox

Cross Point:

Ann Fuller
Linda Patterson
William Earl Cain
Katherine Newton

Divide:

LeAnn Boyd Williams
Carolyn Mathis

Monticello:

Rose Dunning

New Hope:

Beverly Beasley

Newton:

Laurel Whitehead
Doyle Gordon

Sharp Memorial:

Lewis Fleming

Shiloh:

Helen Rutherford
Sadie Payne
Sarah Lamb

Submitted by,
Rev. LaDon Dawson, Chairman

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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 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 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 Dr. Philip Speas for ministering to us this week. In addition, that we pay Dr. Philip Speas' travel expenses.
17. That at the request of the Annual Conference President we give \$2,100.00 to Home Missions (This money was donated from the President's Salary).

Respectfully Submitted by,
Rev. Carlos Dawson, II

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

We, the Fraternal Relations Committee, wish to acknowledge the following special guests and give them an honorary seat in our Conference:

1. Rev. Benny Crawford, Pastor of Jones Chapel Methodist Protestant Church and President of the Board of Mission of the Methodist Protestant Church
2. Rev. Nate Ballard, Pastor of Springfield Methodist Protestant Church
3. Rev. Gary Harper, Pastor of Sartinville United Methodist Church

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.

Rev. Carlos Dawson for his assistance with the sound system.

Dr. Phil Speas for his inspiring, encouraging, and challenging messages.

Joy Williams and Babs Williams and others who helped with the work in preparing our meals and in the kitchen.

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

Jane Boyd and Rev. Carlos Dawson for leading the worship in music.

Lessie Carmichael, Rev. Peter Lanigan, and Jane Boyd for playing the piano.

Robert and Peggy Johnson, Wesley Cunningham, Rev. Carlos Dawson, and Donna Rose for blessing the Conference with special music.

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

Kay Pugh for the beautiful flowers for our Conference.

Humbly Submitted,
Rev. Billy Frazure

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

Bro. Michael Tullis has completed the educational and probationary requirements as required by the Discipline. Therefore, we recommend that he be ordained at Conference.

Upon receiving a recommendation from Divide Methodist Protestant Church, we recommend that Bro. Matt Lambert be entered in the first year course of study.

Upon receiving a recommendation from Clear Creek Methodist Protestant Church, we recommend that Bro. Billy Martin be entered into the first year course of study.

Upon meeting with Rev. Dennis Calcote, we recommend that he be entered the first year course of study, pending a review of his transcripts.

Mrs. Melba Holt has completed her first year of probation.

We recommend that Bro. David Paul Jenkins be retained in the first year course of study pending a recommendation from Shiloh Methodist Protestant Church.

Since Rev. Nate Ballard has transferred to the Alabama Conference, we recommend that he be removed from the ministerial roll.

We recommend that Mrs. Bethany Bailey be placed in the first year course of study, pending a recommendation from New Hope Methodist Protestant Church.

The Ministerial Education and Relations Committee will meet on the following dates with candidates and at these times will be conducting educational sessions for all who want to attend. The dates are September 9, 2017, January 13, 2018, and April 14, 2018. Each session will award one CEU.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dan Henry, III

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CHURCH RELATIONS

The Church Relations Committee received a request from Rev. John Jenkins that Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church be considered for reinstatement as a member of the Mississippi Conference with the status of mission church.

The committee would like to submit the request to the Conference that Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church be returned to the Conference under the status of mission church.

Rev. Michael Tullis

DEACONESS BOARD

We reviewed the report from Deaconess Bethany Bailey and were very pleased with her dedication and joy in her service this year.

We recognize Deaconess Dianne Redi for her faithful service and her work as editor of the Methodist Protestant Faith publication.

We encourage all pastors and WMS presidents to promote the calling of Deaconess in their congregations.

Mrs. Cathy Frazure, President
Rev. Maxine Jenkins, Secretary
Mr. Wesley Cunningham
Rev. James Roy Killingworth
Mrs. Jane Boyd
Mr. Richard Garrett
Rev. B. F. Gerald
Mr. Jerry Brown
Deaconess Dianne Reid

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.

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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

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Monticello Methodist Protestant Church celebrated its 70th Anniversary on June 11, 2017. The Brochure of this event can be seen on page 43.

Rev. John Gerald

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

No Report Given.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The Committee on Church Extension met with the Mississippi Conference President and Trustees to discuss the Magee property. In the past year there has been no interest in the property, It was decided to list the property for \$75,000 for three months. If there is no interest after three months, it will be listed with Martin and Martin to list on their auction site with a reserve of \$55,000.

Rev. Newton Pertuit

STATEWIDE LAYMAN'S FELLOWSHIP

To the 2017 Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, I, Richie Little, would like to give the following report:

We had a statewide meeting on June 9, 2017 with great fellowship and food. Bro. James Roy Killingsworth led us in a devotion, which was enjoyed by all. We continued our fellowship the next morning by removing the old tile in the foyer and bathrooms of the tabernacle. This was in preparation of the new tile being installed in the foyers, bathrooms and rotunda. Also, the floors in the dining hall were polished to a great shine and look great!

I encourage all to get involved in our church projects and I personally apologize for dropping the ball on our fall meeting. Let's encourage one another and hold each other to a loving accountability to be about the work of God's work and the progress of our church.

Richie Little
President
MS Laymen's Fellowship

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BIBLE CAMPGROUND AND HEADQUARTERS

No Report Given.

COUNCIL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Council of Religious Education Meeting 6/22/2017

Carlos called session to order

Officers:

President—Carlos Dawson
Vice-President—Richie Little
Secretary—Donna Rose
Treasurer—Nate Ballard

Carlos gave the following reports

Bible Camp 2016:

215 campers, Rev. George Holley evangelist, Katie Lanigan children's evangelist, Divide Praise Band led worship

Fall Retreat 10/22/2016:

Clear Creek M.P. Church in conjunction with Praise in the Park at Lucedale

Spring Retreat 4/22/2017

Paul B. Johnson in Hattiesburg, MS. The youth groups from all the churches prepared presentations. Several specific youth were mentioned (Taylor Martin, Tucker Sellers, etc)

Plans for future events left to the 2017-2018 CORE

Nate gave a financial report for the CORE and the Camp Meeting

Carlos gave a run-down of the 2017 Bible Camp

Rev. Rob Pocai evangelist, Katie Lanigan children's evangelist, Divide Praise Band leading worship, KMBC's Redemption Trio will also help with worship and in the boys' dorm

250 registered campers and Marc, Nate, Carlos will shave their heads and Mike will shave his beard

Carlos asked for prayers for the camp, for construction of the new girls' dorm, and expressed appreciation for the support of our M.P. pastors

M.P. Pastors giving devotions 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 p.m. for the 2017 camp

Brochures will hopefully be completed by the end of conference. If not, CORE will be responsible for getting those brochures to the churches.

Carlos encouraged participation in the work days (Friday and Saturday) leading up to the camp. All help is appreciated.

Elections:

President:

Carlos Dawson nominated by Doyle Whitehead.

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No other nominations, all were in favor, Carlos was elected

Vice-President:

Richie Little nominated by Glo McConnell

No other nominations, all were in favor, Richie was elected

Secretary:

Donna Rose nominated by LaDon Dawson

No other nominations, all were in favor, Donna was elected

Treasurer:

Mike Tullis nominated by Glo McConnell

No other nominations, all were in favor, Mike was elected

Carlos adjourned our meeting in prayer.

[Financial Report is on Page 42.]

MS Council of Religious Education
MS Conference, Methodist Protestant Church June 23, 2016 – June 22, 2017

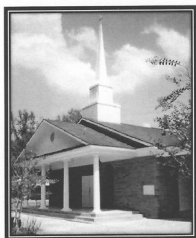
Balance brought forward:		\$17,212.47		
CAMP RECEIPTS:			OTHER RECEIPTS:	
REGISTRATION			SPONSORSHIP	
CANTEEN	\$12,466.26			
CONFERENCE AID	\$2,672.76			
DONATIONS				
CAMP COMMITTEE	\$7,594.07			
CAMP RECEIPTS:	\$22,733.09		OTHER RECEIPTS:	\$0.00
	NET TOTAL:	\$39,945.56		
EXPENSES:				
BIBLE CAMP:			SPRING RETREAT:	
GROCERIES	\$7,255.94		SPEAKER	
COOKS	\$600.00		MUSICIANS/SINGERS	
WATER PARK	\$2,140.00		GROCERIES	\$682.23
T-SHIRTS	\$1,631.27			
KMBC	\$1,200.00			
INSURANCE	\$1,800.00		FALL RETREAT:	
MISC	\$2,249.09		SPEAKER	
PIZZA	\$695.50		MUSICIANS/SINGERS	
BANQUET	\$0.00		GROCERIES	
MUSIC	\$0.00			
INSURANCE	\$0.00			
FLOWERS	\$0.00		WINTER CONCERT:	
EVANGELIST	\$2,317.00		BAND	
MILEAGE	\$0.00		GROCERIES	
KID EVANGELIST	\$500.00			
SUB TOTAL		\$2,817.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES:			\$21,071.03	
	FINAL BALANCE:		\$18,874.53	
CORE Committee	\$14,097.46		Camp Meeting	\$4,777.07



MONTICELLO METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

June 11, 1947— June 11, 2017
Commemorating the 70th Anniversary

Founded by the Rev. F. E. Sellers who pastored for 53 years until his death in 2000. Rev. Kenton Renfro came back to his hometown and home church to minister as Pastor from 2000 – 2003. Rev. Roger Smith pastored from 2003 – 2010.



937 F. E. Sellers Hwy, Monticello, MS 39654
Current Sanctuary Built in 1975.



Refurbished Chapel

Monticello Methodist Protestant Church 1962



The original Church Building was a refurbished chapel from Camp Shelby built on Robinwood Road. (Left) The second Sanctuary was built in the early 1960's on Hwy 27 S, now F. E. Sellers Hwy, (Right) which was converted to the Educational Building later. The F. E. Sellers Christian Life Center was built in 1987. Our Church promotes Wesley Biblical Seminary, KMBC and Mt. Carmel. We are a very mission-minded Church, especially supporting Belize missions with our prayers, man power, and funds.



**Rev. Peter Lanigan, current
Pastor from 2010 until the
present.**

Current MINISTRIES

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School
Classes 10 a.m.

Fellowship Time
10:40 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 11
a.m.

Kid's Junction 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6:30
p.m.

WEDNESDAY MANNA PROGRAM

Supper Fellowship
Prayer Meeting
Ladies Bible Study & Contact
Ministry
Men's Visitation

WMS MEETS MONTHLY

A MISSION - MINDED
CHURCH

SUMMER VBS

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. 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 Auxiliaries	Benevolence
Bear Creek	\$19,721.16	—	\$2,829.40
Castle Chapel	\$41,501.14	\$305.00	\$1,675.00
Clear Creek	\$69,139.10	\$6,500.52	\$804.36
Coxburg			
Cross Roads	\$18,553.91	—	—
Cross Point	\$80,911.35	\$300.00	—
Divide Memorial	\$125,661.81	\$16,541.38	\$750.00
Forest Grove	\$50,555.62	—	\$500.00
Friendship	\$9,661.00	—	—
Golden Grove	\$8,895.00	—	—
Hickory Grove	\$15,357.43	—	\$1,028.79
Laurel	\$24,310.00	\$691.00	—
Monticello	\$97,124.52	\$2,303.00	\$1,029.65
Neely	\$67,578.61	—	—
New Hope	\$8,611.89	—	—
Newton	\$90,183.79	\$2,277.84	\$100.00
Pineville			
Sharp Memorial	\$35,810.00	—	—
Shiloh	\$55,126.36	—	\$695.95

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Operational Expenses	Evangelistic Outreach	Conference Tithes	Missions Expenses	Other
Bear Creek	\$13,546.12	\$546.00	\$2,169.33	\$1,649.00	\$550.00
Castle Chapel	\$2,124.43	—	\$600.00	\$1,225.00	\$40,030.14
Clear Creek	\$39,423.47	\$2,136.92	\$6,482.16	\$1,820.00	\$11,172.29
Coxburg					
Cross Roads	\$16,460.21	—	\$1,553.00	—	—
Cross Point	\$106,698.06	—	\$6,034.63	\$747.95	—
Divide Memorial	\$113,894.27	\$6,316.28	\$14,490.00	\$9,902.00	—
Forest Grove	\$40,064.41	\$2,787.06	\$4,333.99	\$145.50	\$971.02
Friendship	\$9,276.94	\$150.00	\$1,070.53	—	—
Golden Grove	\$6,029.27	—	\$315.00	—	\$300.00
Hickory Grove	\$15,619.19	—	\$693.98	—	\$2,198.25
Laurel	\$20,160.00	\$409.40	\$2,641.00	\$1,380.00	\$6,905.68
Monticello	\$68,495.84	\$7,457.54	\$9,631.41	\$6,467.31	—
Neely	\$46,536.85	\$4,650.00	\$3,007.95	\$4,646.00	\$5,166.00
New Hope	\$8,239.62	\$401.71	\$947.31	—	—
Newton	\$81,699.18	\$3,330.49	\$6,000.00	\$5,074.60	\$3,180.00
Pineville					
Sharp Memorial	—	\$1,594.86	\$3,834.53	—	—
Shiloh	\$39,676.65	\$600.00	\$5,134.32	—	—

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Members Previous Year	Members Current Year	Average Attendance AM/PM	Sunday School Membership	WMS Membership
Bear Creek	45	30	10/—	10	—
Castle Chapel	46	46	15/0	11	6
Clear Creek	130	144	70/31	27	20
Coxburg					
Cross Roads	32	32	10/—	—	—
Cross Point	74	74	28/—	10	—
Divide Memorial	175	167	73/25	50	12
Forest Grove	65	65	—/—	38	8
Friendship	22	22	4/0	4	0
Golden Grove	—	12	9/—	—	—
Hickory Grove		17	16/—	7	—
Laurel	84	84	20/—	—	—
Monticello	78	79	65/25	45	7
Neely	81	83	37/18	25	—
New Hope	29	29	8/0	6	—
Newton	79	79	50/25	35	10
Pineville	9				
Sharp Memorial	36	—	26/20	—	—
Shiloh	80	77	40/30	30	6

ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Laymen's Fellowship	JMS Membership	Youth Ministries	Number Justified	Number Baptized	Number Sanctified
Bear Creek	—	—	—	—	—	—
Castle Chapel	—	—	—	—	1	—
Clear Creek	10	8	19	4	4	—
Coxburg						
Cross Roads	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cross Point	—	—	10	—	—	—
Divide Memorial	20	—	26	—	—	—
Forest Grove	5	—	—	—	—	—
Friendship	2	0	0	0	0	0
Golden Grove	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hickory Grove	—	—	—	—	3	—
Laurel	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monticello	—	—	8	—	2	—
Neely	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Hope	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newton	—	—	15	—	—	—
Pineville						
Sharp Memorial	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shiloh	7	—	6	—	1	—

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	\$10,057.81
Clear Creek	\$180,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$285,000.00
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	\$40,000.00	—	—
Hickory Grove	\$175,000.00	—	—
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	\$125,000.00
Pineville	\$25,000.00	—	\$5,000.00
Sharp Memorial	\$180,000.00	\$100,000.00	—
Shiloh	\$200,000.00	—	\$50,000.00

