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# I. OFFICIAL

## Officers of the District Assembly

Chairman, General Superintendent—Rev. W. R. Cox,  
Greensboro, North Carolina.

District Superintendent—Rev. D. C. Shearer, 1201 Arm-  
strong St., St. Louis, Mo.

Assistant District Supt.—Rev. O. C. Myers, East St. Louis,  
Ill.

District Secretary—Rev. W. M. Hall, Charleston, Ill.

District Treasurer—Rev. Wm. H. Pratt, Oblong, Ill.

## District Council

Rev. D. C. Shearer, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. O. C. Myers, East St. Louis, Ill.

Rev. W. M. Hall, Charleston, Ill.

Rev. Wm. H. Pratt, Oblong, Ill.

Rev. C. C. Breen, Charleston, Ill.

Rev. H. M. Bassett, Robinson, Ill.

Rev. F. D. Reed, Charleston, Ill.

## Trustees

Rev. M. F. Pratt, Terre Haute, Ind.

Rev. D. C. Shearer, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. F. D. Reed, Charleston, Ill.

## Foreign Mission Board

Miss Deborah Wharton, Chairman; Rev. C. E. Connelly,  
Secretary; Rev. F. D. Reed, Treasurer, Charleston, Ill.

## HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. C. C. Breen, Alma Shearer, W. M. Hall.

## EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. C. E. Connelly, Rev. C. C. Breen, Rev. S. E. Lacy.

## II. PROCEEDINGS

The First session of the Illinois and Missouri District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church convened at Charleston, Ill., July 28, 1923, with Rev. W. R. Cox, general superintendent, presiding. After devotional service and a short talk by Bro. Cox, the business of the assembly was next in order.

The secretary being absent it became necessary to elect one, which resulted in the selection of W. M. Hall.

The first three rows of seats were made the assembly bar. Motion carried to adopt the general rules laid down in the manual.

Motion carried that the chairman appoint the different committees as follows: Resolutions Committee, Statistical Committee, Ways and Means Committee.

Next was taken up the reading of reports from pastors and evangelists.

On motion, W. H. Pratt was elected to assist the secretary.

Motion to receive a new class at Holman, Mo., into the assembly, carried.

The following names were recommended to the assembly to become licensed preachers: Robert Hatfield, Raymond Seago, Grace Seago. Referred to the examining committee.

For renewal of license: Roland Cleaver, Otis Shaffer, Alvin Shaffer, Lucy Quillen, Columbia Cline, V. L. Johnson, Myra Shaffer, Pearl Rousch, Ina Childers.

For ordination: Mary E. Dice, Vada A. Deardorf.

On recommendation of the district superintendent, Ira L. Shanks from the southern district was received into the assembly subject to transfer from his district superintendent.

On motion, assembly adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday.

## SECOND DAY—JULY 30.

After song and prayer the minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Other reports from pastors and evangelists were read and adopted. On reading a very very pathetic letter and report from Bro. Ben Brockman from Ava, Mo., and on suggestion of Bro. Cox, the assembly went to prayer in his behalf.

Bro. M. F. Pratt sent written report which was read and accepted.

D. C. Shearer gave a written report that was accepted.

On motion, the names of Charles Culberson, Scott Turner and Luther Huddleston were referred to the examining committee.

Moved and supported that the name of Pleasant Brown be dropped from the assembly roll.

Motion carried to set the time for the election of officers at the afternoon session.

On motion, Bro. Anderson and Bro. French from Indiana, were admitted into the conference bar as advisory members.

Motion carried to organize a Camp Meeting Association and that each member pay one dollar (\$1.00) each for this work and that each pastor secure as many members as possible.

Moved and supported that this Camp Meeting Association elect a board consisting of president, secretary, and treasurer. Motion carried that the district superintendent, the district secretary and district treasurer constitute this board.

After an inspiring talk by Bro. Cox on Home Missions, a motion carried to elect two Home Missionaries,, one for Illinois and one for Missouri.

Motion carried that each pastor raise at the rate of \$1.50 per member for Home Missionary work.

On motion adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

After song and prayer the minutes of the last session were read and approved.

After reading of reports the Examining Committee gave a partial report recommending that Raymond Seago, Grace Seago and Etta Smith be received into the assembly and be granted license to preach.

We also recommend that Mary E. Dice and Vada A. Deardorf be duly ordained.

Next was the reading of the Ways and Means Committee report which was adopted. (See Ways and Means Com. report.)

Next in order was the election of officers, resulting in the election of Rev. D. C. Shearer, District Superintendent; Rev. O. C. Myers, Assistant District Superintendent; W. M. Hall, District Secretary; Rev. Wm. H. Pratt, District Treasurer.

Next was election of Foreign Missionary board. (See Section I.) Next, Home Missionary board. (See Section I.). For District Council, see Section I.

On motion, Bro. D. C. Shearer was elected Home Missionary with Rev. O. C. Myers as his assistant.

On motion carried requiring the district superintendent to make two rounds a year instead of four, the first soon as convenient after the assembly, the other in early spring.

Motion carried to adjourn until 7 o'clock p. m.

## NIGHT SESSION—JULY 30.

After song and prayer the minutes were read and approved. Then the Ways and Means committee and the Examining Committee finished reading their reports which were approved.

At this time Mary E. Dice and Vada A. Déardorf were duly ordained.

Because of Bro. Cox's engagement, the assembly excused him to go home.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8 o'clock Tuesday.

## TUESDAY, JULY 31.

After devotional services the minutes were read and approved.

A. J. Kirkpatrick gave an evangelistic report which was accepted.

Motion carried that Illinois and Missouri Camp Meeting Association be the name of our camp association.

Motion carried that the dollar per member in the camp association be paid by Jan. 1, 1924. Motion carried that we buy one dozen small tents and that D. C. Shearer and O. C. Myers constitute a committee to purchase them.

Motion prevailed that the District Council constitute a committee to look out for a permanent camp ground and report to the next assembly.

Moved and supported that the date of camp meeting and the selection of an evangelist be left to the camp meeting committee.

After an offering for the District Treasurer the assembly adjourned with benediction.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### No. 1. Recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee adopted by the Assembly.

1. We recommend that each pastor urge his church to adopt the tithe system and insist that his members place their tithe money into the local church treasury and from this shall be paid a weekly stipulated amount sufficient for the pastor's support, and that the district superintendent shall meet with the churches as soon as possible to decide on what the pastor shall receive as support.

2. We recommend that each church calling a pastor shall purchase a parsonage and furnish it, if practicable, and if not, shall provide a parsonage and pay the rent.

We further recommend that each church calling a pastor shall provide the moving expenses of his furniture and car fare for his family.

3. We recommend that this assembly urge the ministerial members be present at our camp and assembly and that the church pay the his salary while attending same and provide his railroad fare to and from camp and assembly.

4. We recommend that the churches adopt the envelope system for collecting the tithe and offerings.

5. We recommend hat each church send in a comforter for camp meeting purposes.

6. We recommend that our district superintendent devote his entire time to district and Home Missionary work, and that he be paid fifty dollars per month and traveling expenses. We further recommend that the assistant be paid at the same rate for the time given and that all offerings taken above expenses be turned into the Home Missionary treasury.



7. We recommend that the following churches be apportioned for District work as follows:

St. Louis, Mo. ....	\$70.00
Springfield, Mo. ....	30.00
Randles, Mo. ....	10.00
Holman, Mo. ....	15.00
Charleston, Ill. ....	40.00
Mattoon, Ill. ....	60.00
Effingham, Ill. ....	12.00
Robinson, Ill. ....	25.00
Oblong, Ill. ....	50.00
Onarga, Ill. ....	20.00
Jerseyville, Ill. ....	18.00
Dow, Ill. ....	40.00
Carlinville, Ill. ....	50.00
Coffeyville, Ill. ....	15.00

This money to be collected quarterly.

8. We recommend that the pastors raise for assembly claims to the equivalent of one dollar per member per annum. Said amount to be raised quarterly.

9. We recommend that all ministers of this district have their reports made out in full before the assembly convenes.

10. We recommend that our pastor cooperate with the representatives of our institutions, as to suitable dates to represent their interests and that an offering be taken for same.

11. Inasmuch as it is desired by our church that our schools be centralized, we recommend that Beulah Bible School of St. Louis, Mo., be consolidated with Kingswood College, and that the furniture be held for the present indebtedness.

12. We recommend that each pastor raise the equivalent of fifty cents (50c) per member for the church paper.

13. We recommend that our Sunday Schools take a special offering the first Sunday of each month for Foreign Missions.

14. We recommend that the secretary be instructed to publish 250 copies of the minutes and that they be sent to the pastors to be distributed among the members and a free will offering be taken for same.

O. C. MYERS,  
ALMA SHEARER,  
MARY DICE,  
Committee.

**No. 2. Recommendations of the Examining Committee  
Adopted by the Assembly.**

1. We recommend that the following names be received into the assembly and granted license: Raymond Seago, Grace Seago, Etta Smith, Robert Hatfield.

2. We recommend that Mary E. Dice and Vada A. Deardorf be duly ordained.

3. We recommend that L. P. Wright be referred to the District Superintendent and granted license by his approval.

4. We recommend the following names for renewal of license: Roland Cleaver, Alvin Shaffer, Otis Shaffer, Myra Shaffer, Lucy Quillen, Columbia Cline, V. L. Johnson and Grace Coffin.

5. We recommend that the following names be dropped from the assembly rolls: Charles Culberson, Luther Huddleston, Scott Turner and Alva Wright.

C. C. BREEN,  
C. E. CONNELLY,  
S. E. LACY,  
Ex. Committee.

**No. 3. Report of the Resolutions Committee Adopted  
by Assembly.**

1. Inasmuch as God has so marvelously blessed our camp and assembly with His presence, power, love and unity of the saints prevailing, the good attendance and the splendid spiritual atmosphere,

Be It Resolved, that we express our gratitude and appreciation to God by a rising vote and singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

2. Inasmuch as our District Superintendent, D. C. Shearer, has so faithfully rendered his services during the past year and through the camp and assembly: Be it Resolved that we show our appreciation by a rising vote and all saying "God bless you."

3. Resolved, that we thank the Township Park Commissioners for the use of the ground and express our thanks to the Charleston Courier and the citizens of Charleston for their many kindnesses rendered while in their midst and that a copy of these resolutions be printed in a Charleston daily paper.

4. Resolved, that we express our appreciation of our missionaries, Bro. and Sister Higgs, Sister Haling, Bro. and Sister Meeks, by contributing to their support with money and prayers and writing to them, and that our secretary be instructed to send them the greeting of this assembly.

5. Be it resolved that we hold as our first duty the support of our own missionary institutions and general church expenses, and be it further resolved that no pastor shall engage a missionary outside of our own denomination without the sanction of our District Superintendent.

6. Resolved that our District give to the support of our General Church work to the amount of \$1.50 per member.

7. Resolved that we urge our people to report to the church or our District Secretary their efferings and gifts to all purposes so that the church and district may receive credit for what is done.

6. As our General Superintendent W. R. Cox has so wonderfully explained the word of God and has so grandly led the assembly as chairman, be it resolved that we express our appreciation by a rising vote and as Bro. Joseph Smith has so faithfully discharged his duties: Be it Resolved, that we express our appreciation by a rising vote.

MARY V. MYERS,  
VADA A. DEARDORF,  
MAYME LINES.

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#### NO. 4. ASSEMBLY ROLL ORDAINED MINISTERS

D. C. Shearer, 1201 Armstrong St., St. Louis, Mo.  
W. M. Hall, Charleston, Ill.  
H. M. Bassett, Robinson, Ill.  
O. C. Myers, East St. Louis, Ill.  
W. H. Pratt, Oblong, Ill.  
S. E. Lacy, St. Louis, Mo.  
Mary V. Myers, East St. Louis, Ill.  
Alma Shearer, St. Louis, Mo.  
C. E. Connelly, Robinson, Ill.  
Mary Connelly, Robinson, Ill.  
J. W. Youngman, Springfield, Mo.  
C. C. Breen, Charleston, Ill.  
F. D. Reed, Charleston, Ill.  
Deborah Wharton, Carlinville, Ill.  
W. A. Sexton, Terre Haute, Ind.  
John Coffin, Springfield, Ill.

E. A. Meeks,  
Chloie Meeks  
Walter Henschen, Greensboro, N. C.  
Lillie Oliver, Randles, Mo.  
Ira L. Shanks,  
Harry Adams, Randles, Mo.  
A. J. Kirkpatrick, Mattoon, Ill.  
A. R. Higgs,  
W. C. Stone, Pasadena, Cal.  
M. F. Pratt was granted a transfer to Indiana district.

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Pearl Rourch, Oblong, Ill.  
Grace Coffin, Springfield, Ill.  
V. L. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.  
Lucy Quillen, Randles, Mo.  
Roland Cleaver, West Baden, Ind.  
Otis Shaffer, Mattoon, Ill.  
Alvin Shaffer, Mattoon, Ill.  
Myra Shaffer, Mattoon, Ill.  
Columbia Cline, Mattoon, Ill.  
Ina Childers, Springfield, Mo.  
F. E. Andrews, Osgood, Ind.  
Lucy Halpin  
Anna Armstrong  
Mrs. Ira Walden,  
Raymond Seago, Onarga, Ill.  
Grace Seago, Onarga, Ill.  
Etta Smith, Mattoon, Ill.  
Robert Hatfield.

#### DEACONESSES

Laura Shea, Terre Haute, Ind.

#### DELEGATES

Nellie Goodell, Sarah Seago, Lucy McDow, Maurice Lines, Emma Johnson, Jennie Mathews, Flora Sprague, Emma Neeley, Mary Stubbert, Fred Tate, Elizabeth Hall, Clarence Popham.

### No. 5. Report of District Superintendent

No. of quarterly meetings held ....	39
Number of times preached .....	155
Funerals .....	6
Annointed or prayed with for healing .....	39
Baptized .....	4
Marriages .....	2
Support received from district treasurer .....	\$155.03
From churches .....	201.01
Car fare .....	100.76
Received above car fare .....	255.28

D. C. SHEARER, Dist. Supt.

### No. 6. Report of the District Treasurer.

#### Receipts:

Balance carried forward .....	\$ 47.18
Received on budget .....	218.54
Received on apportionment ....	265.63
Received on Home Missions....	156.49
Received for general supt. ....	17.75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$705.59</b>

#### Disbursements:

To district supt. on last year's support .....	\$112.54
To dist. supt. this year .....	356.04
To home missions .....	97.00
To foreign missions .....	20.97
To orphanage .....	10.45
To Beulah Bible School .....	10.45
To Beulah Rescue Home .....	10.45
To publishing interest .....	10.45
To general supt. ....	17.75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$646.10</b>
Balance .....	\$ 59.49

W. H. PRATT, Treasurer.

**Explanatory Note:**—Because of many reports being incomplete, the statistical committee did not furnish a report for publication. Hence no report in the Minutes.—Secretary.