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New York District

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Rev. J. N. Jump ................................................... 2 years
Rev. H. L. Twining .............................................. 1 year

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Rev. F. T. Finch ................................................ 1 year

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Mrs. Mary O. Conklin, Rev. J. T. Austin

DISTRICT STATISTICIAN—

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    Parsonage: 34 Highland Terr., Gloversville, N. Y.—Tel. 5-5040

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    Pastor: Rev. Walter E. W. Skerritt
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- Rev. J. T. Austin
- Rev. C. F. Berg
- Rev. Emeline Berg
- Rev. Bobbie L. Bidwell
- Rev. Dacosta Braithwait
- Rev. Arnold Browne
- Rev. Miles Gray
- Rev. Meredith Heisby
- Rev. R. T. Holton
- Rev. J. N. Jump
- Rev. W. E. Skerritt
- Rev. L. W. Stuart
- Rev. H. L. Twining
- Rev. Norman Wilson

Ordained Ministers (inactive or retired)
- Rev. A. E. Blann, R.D., Troutville, Virginia
- Rev. F. T. Finch, 947 Oakdale Rd., Johnson City, N.Y.
- Rev. Newland John
- Rev. George H. Keffer, 130 Down St., Rochester 23, N.Y.
- Rev. C. D. Shafer, Franklin St., Binghamton, N.Y.
- Rev. Sadie Shafer, Franklin St., Binghamton, N.Y.
- Rev. Helena Shafer, Woodland Rd., Chenango Bridge, N.Y.

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- Jay W. Dillenbeck, R.D., Greene, New York
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- Jerome John, (1st year) 1802 Clinton St., Bronx, N.Y.
- C. E. Mayne, 10 Youngman Ave., Oneonta, N.Y.
- Elwood Stuart, (2nd year) Wells, N.Y.
- L. Elwood Twining (1st year)
- Madelyn Twining (1st year)

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- Elwood and Joann Stuart, Wells, N.Y.—WA 4-3274

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- Rev. Christine E. Helsby (Oriental Missionary Society on Formosa)
- L. Elwood Twining (Africa)
- Madelyn Twining (Africa)

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Albany ....................................................... Lawrence Wilson
Brookdale ...................................................... John Racine
Gloversville ................................................ Mrs. Geneva Washburn
New York City .............................................. no delegate
Northville .................................................... Mrs. Leona Warner
Oakdale ....................................................... Mrs. Mary O. Conklin
Oneonta ................................................... Alberta Devenpeck
Ravena ...................................................... Elwood Twining
Rochester .................................................. Mrs. Eleanor Keffer
Sayre ......................................................... Mrs. Marie Ashe
                            Gerald Franklin
                            Charles Merrill
Wells ........................................................ Mrs. Iona Wilson
Journal of Proceedings

Minutes of the 44th Annual Conference
of the
New York District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church
June 29, 1965

Opening Sitting — 9:30 A.M.

The 44th Annual Conference of the New York District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church was convened at 9:30 a.m., June 29, 1965, in the Pilgrim Holiness Church, 60 Valley View St., Oneonta, New York.

District Superintendent, L. B. Reese, greeted the assembled ministers, delegates and friends, welcoming them to the conference. Rev. Norman Wilson was asked to lead the conference in an opening song, "The Cleansing Stream"; Mrs. Mary Conklin presided at the organ.

Dr. Melvin Snyder, Eastern Area General Superintendent, was introduced as the presiding officer and brought greetings. Dr. Snyder prefaced the devotional message with reading from the third chapter of The Revelation, verses 7 through 13. Our attention was called to the four phrases which are repeated in each of the messages to the seven churches of the Revelation. Using these phrases as an outline, Dr. Snyder emphasized the importance of the pastor's place in spiritual leadership as follows: (1) "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"—Spiritual Perception; (2) "Him that overcometh."—Spiritual Conflict—"there can be no victory without conflict, and the reward is to "him that overcometh"; (3) "I know thy works"—Spiritual Accomplishment; and (4) "To the angel of the church"—Spiritual Messenger—emphasizing that as shepherd of his flock, a pastor must have a spiritual message.

1. The first order of conference business was the introduction of new personnel into the New York District. A report of the Chairman of the Reception Committee brought the following to be introduced to the conference:

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Twining, outgoing missionaries
Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Holton, now pastoring the Albany Church.
Rev. James T. Austin, pastor at the Wells church.
Brother Edwin Forde, member of the Hartford, Conn. church.
Rev. Arnold Browne, pastor at Roxbury, Mass.
Rev. Walter E. Skerritt, pastor at Hartford, Conn.
Rev. Jerome John and two sons, Stanley and Newland, of New York City
Rev. and Mrs. George H. Keffer, new Pilgrims' at Rochester.
Rev. Miles Gray, now pastoring the Brookdale, Pa. church.

2. Dr. Snyder greeted these new members of our conference and welcomed them warmly into the New York District. His emphasis to all was, "we must first of all be Christians; we must accept each other as God accepts us." At this juncture, Rev. and Mrs. Dacosta Braithwait from Brooklyn, arrived and were introduced to the conference.
Each of the above gave a warm and glowing testimony to the saving, sanctifying and keeping grace of God and brought a refreshing atmosphere on the conference.

3. The next order of conference business was the roll call of the members of the conference. Upon establishment of the conference roll, a motion carried that the time of conference sittings be until noon; afternoon, 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and, if necessary, the evening sitting from 7:30 p.m. until the finish of conference business.

4. In keeping with a standing resolution, the District Secretary designated the first five row of pews, on each side, as constituting the conference bar.

5. An additional report of the Reception Committee was the introduction to the conference, of Rev. Mrs. Ethel Wilson of Owosso, Mich. In her testimony, Sr. Wilson noted that she had been a half-century member of the New York District and felt perfectly at home. Her glowing testimony was a refreshing encouragement to all present.

6. Conference reports were next in line and District Superintendent, Rev. L. B. Reese led the way in submitting his annual report to the conference. This fine, comprehensive report was received by a unanimous vote and a hearty 'amen!'

7. Assistant Superintendent, Rev. Bobbie Bidwell gave an oral report concerning his work, which was received unanimously by motion.

8. The Auditor's Report, prepared by Mrs. Marcia Wilson, was read by the District Secretary and was received by motion.

9. District Treasurer, Rev. J. N. Jump, presented to the conference, the report of District finances. These included the District Treasurer's Report, the Church Extension Treasurer's Report and a financial report relative to the Ministerial Pension Fund. These fine reports were received by unanimous motion and with a hearty 'praise the Lord!' A question was asked by the Sayre delegate, Gerald Franklin, relative to the comparative balance reflected in the 1965 report over 1964. Mrs. Mary Conklin, delegate from Oakdale, called our attention to the fact that this good balance reflected some severe stringencies in certain areas of our conference which must be deeply appreciated.

With the completion of these reports, the conference stood adjourned by expiration of time. We were dismissed with prayer offered by Rev. L. W. Stuart, District Secretary.

Second Sitting — 2:00 P. M.

The afternoon sitting of the 44th Annual Conference of the New York District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, opened at 2:00 p.m. by the singing of a hymn, "Called Unto Holiness," led by Rev. Arnold Browne. Rev. Dacosta Braithwait was requested to lead the conference in prayer. Dr. Melvin Snyder, Conference Chairman, spoke briefly of his appreciation for, and the need of, the distinct presence of God upon such gatherings.

10. The report of the Examining and Educational Board was called for and the Secretary Pro-tem, Rev. R. T. Holton, brought the following recommendations to the conference:
Recommended to be received as Ordained Ministers—
  Rev. James Austin
  Rev. Arnold Browne
  Rev. Dacosta Braithwaite
  Rev. R. T. Holton
  Rev. George Keffe
  Rev. Walter E. W. Skerritt

Recommended for first year Ordination—
  Jerome John
  Edwin Forde
  L. Elwood Twining
  Madelyn Twining

Recommended for Song Evangelists credentials—
  Elwood and Joann Stuart

These recommendations were moved for adoption and were unanimously carried.

11. The report of the World Missions treasurer was called for. This fine report, prepared by World Missions Treasurer, Mrs. E. Jean Hoffman, was read by the District Secretary. This report revealed a rise in District Missionary giving over 1964 and was unanimously received with a hearty “praise the Lord!”

12. District Statistician, Rev. Miles Gray, read the Statistical Report, which was received, subject to several corrections.

13. The Chairman called for a resolution, originating with the General Board, dated May 13, 1965, which read as follows: “Resolved that the Department of Church Extension, after consultations with the District Councils and Conferences in which there are Pilgrim migrants from the West Indies, be authorized to accept these churches as special projects for their development and expansion,” and for a resulting motion adopted by the New York District Council, as follows: “Be it resolved, that the New York District Council approve the action of the General Board relative to the development, within the New York District, of Pilgrim work among the West Indian migrants in Brooklyn and in other areas along the eastern seaboard.” Both of these resolutions were presented to the conference by motion and carried unanimously. The Chairman spoke at some length relative to the involvements of these resolutions. He called attention to the desperate need of saving to the church these, who have migrated to our shores, who are products of our missionary work.

14. Rev. Skerritt of Hartford was granted the floor and spoke with real fervor and feeling. He stated that “there is no thought, on my part, of limiting the work alone to the West Indian people but, that these resolutions must and shall include the ‘lost’ of whatever color, race or creed.”

15. Conference business was resumed with a report from the Resolutions Committee Chairman, Roger Olsen:

Resolution No. 1: “Whereas, some resolutions seem to be reasonable but in actual performance have not worked as desired, be it resolved that Miscellaneous Resolution No. 1, be deleted. This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.
Resolution No. 2: “BE IT RESOLVED, that Miscellaneous Resolution No. 26, be changed to read: “WHEREAS, the statistical report presented by the district statistician is a general report and fails to reflect the progress of the local church and the activities of the individual pastor, Be it Resolved that each conference pastor give a report at the annual conference, not to exceed seven minutes.”

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

Resolution No. 3: “Be it Resolved that the word ‘required’ in Miscellaneous Resolution No. 3, be changed to read, ‘expected.’

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

Resolution No. 4: “Be it Resolved, that the following statement be added to Miscellaneous Resolution No. 5—“and that written notification be sent to each appointee.”

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

Resolution No. 5: "Whereas the present size, numerically and financially, of the district does not properly compensate our District Superintendent for his services, therefore, be it resolved that Miscellaneous Resolution No. 9, be changed to read as follows: RESOLVED, that the District Superintendent be given freedom to conduct revivals outside the district at the discretion of the executive members of the District Council.

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

Resolution No. 6: Resolved, that the dates as recorded in Finance Resolution No. 4, be changed to read 5, 10, 5, 5, respectively and that the dates recorded in Miscellaneous Resolution No. 2, read June 10 and June 15.

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

Resolution No. 7: Resolved, that the District Council prepare a budget for the coming year, and that said budget be presented to the next District Conference for approval.

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

16. Having reached the end, for the time being, of presentations from the Resolutions Committee, a report from the Ways and Means Committee was called for. The chairman presented the following:

Resolution No. 1: WHEREAS, the costs of administering our District exceed the yield from our earlier per member assessment, BE IT RESOLVED, that our funds for District administration be obtained thus:

1. A flat levy of 10% be honored by each church against all unspecified church receipts.

2. Each pastor's tithe to be included in the 10% remittance.

3. Each church shall remit these dues monthly.

This resolution, after being moved and seconded, was debated at length and was finally referred back to the committee for re-drafting.

17. A motion carried that the next order of business be the election of District Officers. The District Superintendent appointed the following as tellers: Rev. Miles Gray, Rev. J. T. Austin, Rev. George Keffer,
Elwood Twining, John Raccine and Paul Stuart. After pausing to seek Divine direction, the first ballot cast was for District Superintendent. Rev. L. B. Reese was overwhelmingly re-elected to this office on the first ballot, receiving 32 out of 33 votes cast.

The next ballot was for the Assistant District Superintendent. Rev. Bobbie L. Bidwell received 28 votes and was re-elected on the first ballot. A motion carried to extend the time of the present sitting sufficient to cast an additional ballot. The names of Rev. Norman Wilson, J. T. Austin and L. W. Stuart, were read as Council nominees for the office of District Secretary. Rev. Stuart was re-elected to this office on the first ballot. The conference stood adjourned by expiration of time and a closing prayer was offered by Rev. Clifton Berg.

**Third Sitting — 7:30 P.M.**

18. The third sitting of the 44th Annual Conference of the New York District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church opened with the singing of "A Glorious Church," led by Rev. Arnold Browne. Mrs. Mary Conklin again presiding at the organ. Following the singing of the opening hymn, Rev. Bobbie Bidwell led the conference in prayer, after which, the strains of the beloved song, "He Lives" filled the sanctuary. As we stood to sing, the blessing of the Lord came on the assembled congregation and while some shouted, others wept as the Spirit moved. A stirring and challenging exhortation by Brother Browne brought us to the moments of final conference business.

19. Minutes of the two previous sittings were called for and read by the District Secretary. After minor corrections they were approved by motion.

20. The election of a District Treasurer was first on the agenda. District Council nominations were read: Rev. J. N. Jump, H. L. Twining and R. T. Holton. The casting of a ballot resulted in the election of J. N. Jump on the first ballot.

21. Ballots were cast for three (3) Advisory Members of the District Council and while waiting a report from the tellers, conference business was resumed.

22. A resolution was received from the floor as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, that, in order to expedite and facilitate Conference committee work, that instead of two distinct committees known as Resolutions Committee and Ways and Means Committee, that one committee be appointed which shall be known as the Conference Steering Committee. After some discussion, this resolution was adopted by the conference.


24. We proceeded to elect a 3-year member to the Educational and Examining Board. Balloting resulted in the election of Rev. Lloyd Stuart to this post.
25. Ballots were cast next for a 3-year member to the District Board of Trustees. Rev. Lloyd Stuart was re-elected to this Board for a three-year term.

26. A recommendation from the District Council regarding the District Youth Program was read as follows: "In order to facilitate our District Youth work, it is recommended that our District be divided into two zones, to be known as the Northern Zone and the Southern Zone; it is further recommended that Rev. Norman Wilson be named Chairman of the Northern Zone and that Rev. Bobbie Bidwell be named Chairman of the Southern Zone."

The above was introduced as a motion and after an immediate second was unanimously passed by the conference.

27. A motion carried unanimously that Mrs. E. Jean Hoffman be re-elected Secretary-Treasurer of World Missions. Sr. Hoffman was re-elected by a vote of acclamation.

28. The Memorials Committee was called upon to submit proposals to the coming General Conference. The following memorials were presented to the conference:

Memorial No. 1: RESOLVED that this General Conference establish qualifications for members of the District Council. We suggest that no minister shall be elected to the District Council who has not been in full time service for at least three (3) years. We further recommend that the qualifications suggested in Section 100 of the 1962 Manual be further and more clearly delineated, especially the sentence which reads, 'each member shall be actively engaged in the Pilgrim Holiness Church'.

Memorial No. 2. WHEREAS we feel that the Pilgrim Holiness Church needs as many personalities as is possible in order to make a full-rounded contribution to our organization, and

WHEREAS we believe that our need is not so much the need of money as it is a need of faith that God will supply our need, and

WHEREAS we feel that the work of God as is related to the Church grows more complex with the passing of time,

We go on record as favoring the continuation of having the services of three General Superintendents.

29. The Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee reported that they were now prepared to present a resolution in lieu of the one previously referred back to said committee and presented the following: Resolution No. 1: WHEREAS, the costs of administering our District exceed the yield from our earlier per member assessment, BE IT RESOLVED, that our funds for District administration be obtained thus:

1. A flat levy of 5% be honored by each church against all unspecified church receipts.
2. Each pastor to continue to remit the tithe on his salary.
3. Each church shall remit these dues monthly.

This resolution was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted.

30. The Conference Chairman instructed the conference as to the method of electing delegates to the International Conference. A motion
carried that the District Council present five (5) names from the list of Ordained Ministers as nominees.

31. While the Conference was momentarily recessed, the District Council met to prepare the list of nominees. When business was resumed, a resolution was offered from the District Council that the former conference action be rescinded and that the conference cast a ballot, and that the five (5) highest names be regarded as nominees. This motion carried.

32. Ballots were cast for the election of one (1) Lay Delegate to the International Conference. No election resulted from the first ballot. On the second ballot, Mrs. Mary O. Conklin was elected as Lay Delegate with Roger Olsen as First Alternate. A third ballot elected Gerald Franklin as Second Alternate.


At this juncture in the Conference, we entered into, what proved to be, a lengthy discussion relative to rumors that have been spread involving the Pilgrim Holiness Church with the National Council of Churches. The District Superintendent read a statement prepared by the Board of General Superintendents clearly defining our position to and our relationship with the National Council and flatly denying any connection or association with this organization. Dr. Snyder took the opportunity of laying before the conference the position the Pilgrim Holiness Church has taken in the past and is continuing to take. He assured us that there is not through or intention of joining the National Council of Churches.

35. As we drew near to the close of Conference business, the Resolutions Committee offered the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this conference express our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Melvin S. Snyder for the enlightenment given to our spiritual life and the encouragement and direction given our District, this gratitude to be expressed by a rising vote.” The Conference arose in a body in expressing its appreciation for the fine leadership given by our Chairman.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation to Rev. L. B. Reese for coming to our aid in time of need, by diligently working with him and praying for him this conference year.” This resolution was unanimously adopted with a hearty, “God Bless You.”

BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation to our fine hosts the Oneonta Church, for good food to eat, fine hospitality and good Christian fellowship, by a rising vote. Again, the conference arose in a body in sincere appreciation.

36. A motion carried that the District Council be empowered to care for any unfinished conference business and also to hear and approve the minutes of the final sitting of this conference.
37. A motion to adjourn carried and we were dismissed by prayer offered by our Conference Chairman. A most wonderful conference closed with the evident blessing of God upon the New York District.

Melvin S. Snyder, Chairman
Lloyd W. Stuart, Secretary

Standing Resolutions

Finance

No. 1. Resolved that each church sending a delegate or delegates to the District Conference, pay the traveling expenses of said delegates and pastor.

No. 2. Resolved, that when money is sent direct to any fund, the church treasurer shall obtain a receipt for same and forward this to each District Representative.

No. 3. Resolved, that all departments of our church shall, upon receipt of monies, immediately forward receipts for same to sender.

No. 4. Resolved, that in order to receive due credit in the current year, any church must have all money in the mail on or before June 5. The District Treasurer shall keep his books open until June 10 so that proper credit may be given for monies mailed on or before June 5. All monies mailed after June 5 shall be entered in the following year.

No. 5. Resolved, that the District Superintendent push the Pilgrim Pension Plan and encourage every pastor to join.

No. 6. Resolved, that the District Superintendent be granted an annual vacation of two weeks each year with pay.

No. 7. Resolved, that those driving to work on our Camp Grounds or otherwise using their cars in the interest of the District shall receive six cents per mile for the use of their car.

No. 8. Be it resolved that each church be required to send an offering each year to help defray the expense of Conference.

No. 10. Resolved, that whereas, the costs of administering our Dist- tract exceed the yield from our earlier per member assessment, that our funds for District administration be obtained thus:
(1) A flat levy of 5% be honored by each church against all unspecified church receipts.
(2) Each pastor to continue to remit the tithe on his salary toward District administrative expense.
(3) Churches shall remit these dues monthly

Be it further resolved, that we have as our objective the obligation to Eastern Pilgrim College of $3 per member annually. (Adopted 1965)

No. 11. Resolved, that, in view of our current unique circumstances, the salary and allowances of the District Superintendent, and the honoraria to District Treasurer, District Secretary, District Statistician, District Auditor and District Secretary-Treasurer of World Missions, be set by the District Council.
Miscellaneous

No. 1. Resolved, that all reports regularly sent to the District Statistician be in his hands by June 10 and that all books and records that are to be audited shall be sent to the chairman of the Auditing Committee by June 15.

No. 2 Resolved, that each Pastor be expected to attend his or her Zone Camp and to remain at least one Sunday.

No. 3. Resolved, that the telephone number of the ministers be published annually in the Minutes and that the address of the church also be published.

No. 4. Resolved, that following the election of officers the District Superintendent shall appoint the committees which are to function under the District Council for the ensuing year and that written notification be sent to each appointee. (Adopted 1965)

No. 5. Resolved, that a District Ministerial Convention be held each year on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the second week in April except when the second week in April is Holy Week, in which case the date of the Convention shall be set by the District Council. The place of the convention shall always be determined by the District Conference.

No. 6. Resolved, that each pastor be given freedom to hold at least two revivals each conference year.

No. 7. Resolved that the District Secretary designate the Conference Bar at the beginning of each annual Conference. (Adopted 1964)

No. 8. Resolved, that the District Superintendent be given freedom to conduct revivals outside the district at the discretion of the executive members of the District Council. (Adopted 1965)

No. 9. We recommend that each local church, in as far as possible, give their pastor two weeks vacation, over two Sundays, with pay. (Adopted 1964)

No. 10. Resolved, that in each of our churches a pastoral recall meeting shall be held each year not later that the third week in April.

No. 11. Resolved, that in each of our churches a pastoral recall meeting shall be held each year not later that the third week in April.

No. 12. Resolved, that the monthly Sunday School report in THE PILGRIM VOICE follow the General Secretary's form, Tabulating (1) The average attendance of last Conference year as reported in the Conference Minutes; (2) The average attendance to date this Conference year; (3) The average attendance this month; (4) The average attendance for the same month last year.

The monthly report shall be submitted to the Editor of THE PILGRIM VOICE by the District Sunday School Promotional Secretary.

No. 12. Be It Resolved that the District Secretary-Treasurer of Foreign Missions be made an honorary member of the Conference with voice and vote in the same.

No. 13. Be It Resolved that the Editing Committee have the power to delete from the Minutes all obsolete resolutions subject to the approval of the District Council.
No. 14. Resolved, that each church shall upon the election of its delegate to the District Conference, forward a written notice of the same to the District Secretary.

No. 15. Resolved, that each Sunday school in the district close the Sunday school attendance records one-half hour after the beginning of the said school.

No. 16. Be It Resolved that the editor of THE PILGRIM VOICE receive from the District Secretary a calendar of District events to be published, at least one month in advance of dates for each event.

No. 17. Resolved, we urge every preacher to not only warn his people against the evils of television, but also to set an example by not allowing it in his home.

No. 18. Whereas in the past some pastors have not known or heard of the death of some ministers of the District; and of the General Officials, be it resolved that the death of any District minister or any General official shall be reported to each pastor by the District Superintendent, and that he work out his own plan of notifying each pastor.

No. 19. Since it was requested by our General Officer that we have a Young People's report at the District Conference, be it resolved that the zone leaders send a report of their meetings and activities to the Executive Secretary, and that he report same to the District Conference.

No. 20. We recommend that each enrollee in the Ministers Study Course, holding a pastorate to be required to present a written progress report, Semi-Annually. January 1 and July 1. Said report to be submitted to the Committee Chairman.

No. 21. Whereas, the International Conference of 1962, has changed the financial setup over the General Church, Be It Resolved, that the New York Conference use the General Church report blanks for all reports, financial and statistical.

No. 22. Be It Resolved that the District Superintendent shall arrange for and promote prayer and fasting services to be participated in on a district-wide basis; the purpose of which will be to promote revival and the unity in the Holy Spirit, in these last days.

No. 23. Whereas, the Statistical Report presented by the District Statistician is a general report and fails to reflect the progress of the local church and the activities of the individual pastor, Be It Resolved that each conference pastor give a report at the annual conference, not to exceed seven minutes. (Adopted 1965)

No. 24. Resolved, that the District Council prepare a District Budget for the coming year, and that said budget be presented to the District Conference for approval. (Adopted 1965)

No. 25. Be It Resolved, that in order to expedite and facilitate conference committee work, that, one committee be appointed which shall be known as the Conference Steering Committee; be it further resolved, that said committee shall be composed of five members appointed by the District Superintendent. (Adopted 1965)
District Superintendent's Report

To the members of the Forty-fourth Annual Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York, and to General Superintendent, Rev. Melvin H. Snyder, greetings:

This, my first, report to this Conference, I make with an acknowledgment of my own failings, and with feelings of gratitude for your charity and tolerance during the past months of my service to the District.

Today we are in a position to look back at the past, and assess the accomplishments of the year. Looking forward, we can see the land before us, and be duly challenged. Any appraisal must be realistic and any challenge must be accepted in faith—not faith in ourselves, but faith in the assets of a full committal to the God of all grace.

A look at the past year informs us of the following:

(1) As your superintendent, I have traveled over 15,000 miles in the performance of the duties contingent to the office. This travel includes visits to the various local fields; a trip to the Church Leaders' Conference at Indianapolis; two area meetings; and two Eastern Pilgrim College Board meetings.

(2) I have preached thirty-seven times on the District, besides supplying as pastor at Wells for five months.

(3) In conducting the business of the District, I have presided at five Council meetings; conducted eight annual church meetings; and have chaired ten local board meetings.

(4) In addition to the above, I attended the combined New York-Canadian ministerial meeting at Rochester; preached or taught in five Camps; served as evangelist in two revivals; and wrote numerous letters and articles in connection with my duties.

Some objectives have been accomplished, for which we are truly grateful to the Lord.

(1) Possibly it is difficult to evaluate intangibles, but our morale on the District seems to be high. Since the loss of those who have gone out from us, we have gradually been gaining a spirit of faith and optimism. A new day of faith and expectancy seems to be dawning for the New York District. We look with keen anticipation to the Sun of Righteousness to heal all our wounds, and to lead us in a great conquest in the future. We cannot afford to look back to the past in worship of the "might-have-beens."

(2) It would appear that conquest is to lead us eastward. The ever-growing opportunity to evangelize along the Eastern Seaboard is a challenge which we dare not side-step; neither must we close our eyes to it. The migration of thousands of British West Indies folk makes the facing of this challenge absolutely imperative. Problems are involved, but "we be well able to possess the land," for "if God be for us, who can be against us?" We anticipate a full working basis for all existing and potential churches to the east of us. We welcome our colored brethren as brethren in the New York District. This great field will mean many days of hard work to bring the desired orientation within our District, but we are now on our way in this matter.
(3) A personal thanks should go to Bro. Lloyd Stuart and family for the work performed at our Oakdale Church. A stupendous job has been accomplished in bringing this church forward out of the reverses and losses which they had suffered. Our membership there has recovered much that was lost, and the Sunday school is on the upgrade numerically. Repairs to the physical facilities are being made with good acceleration.

(4) Sayre continues its increase and growth with urgent constraint for a new building program in the not-too-distant future. Plans are in the making at this juncture to cope with the growth under the able leadership of the Bidwells.

(5) Brookdale has stabilized with the help of the Miles Gray family in the parsonage. Improvements in the property have been made, and a fine spirit is in evidence in the church. It is increasingly evident that the measure of progress in our churches reveals the esteem held by the congregation for its leadership. We look to Brookdale for reports of continued growth and progress.

(6) Oneonta has held steady under the leadership of the Twinings. The spirit is good in this church, and the potential in Oneonta is one of the best in the District. Here, God has given us a field to work with little competition. All of us are indeed grateful to God for the pastoral labors of the Twinings, and we are thankful for His mercies in seeing the Twinings through the recent illness of Sister Twining.

(7) Albany church did a superb job of carrying on during the months of pastoral vacancy. We welcome the Holtons to our District, and pray that God will continue to use them in this new field of labor. Albany is moving ahead in Sunday school growth and in church interest.

(8) Ravena has been making some fine contacts, and the potential is developing as the Bergs become a part of their community. It is always refreshing to see new faces appearing in the congregation at Ravena. The church has shown a fine interest in District activities, and can be counted on in its attendance at District gatherings.

(9) Gloversville has made several physical improvements on their church and parsonage. The population explosion is making many demands in this field, also. The Norman Wilsons are well received in Gloversville, and the people are responding to their leadership.

(10) Wells is encouraged as their new pastor endeavors to get his field in hand. Bro. Austin has been bachelor-pastoring at Wells, but expects to have Sister Austin with him in the near future. The fact that Wells is in the heart of the Adirondacks and is a recreation center means that it has its own peculiar problems. The future is hopeful in Wells.

(11) Rochester continues to develop. The Sunday school and the new CYC program is moving ahead. The Jumps labor under no illusions with respect to the problems of a new field. They are making a fine contribution to the District, and have recently organized, beginning the new church year with ten members. My feelings are deep for our loyal pioneer workers in the field of Home Missions. We need many more such dedicated workers. We are hopeful that some young folk will hear the call to go over to Rochester and help them. Help is needed with the music and with the Sunday school program of the church.
(12) Our colored brethren in New York City have problems peculiar to life in a large city. The progress of modern society in the building of highways and new city developments has created problems for our people in that their church becomes increasingly inaccessible due to the necessitated moving of its constituency. Recently, Bro. Newland John returned to the Islands for an indefinite stay; at present his son, Jerome John, is carrying on with the work of the church.

(13) The Northville and Utica loyal saints still look in our direction for leadership and help. Our hearts are with these two loyal segments which are looking for a new day in their fields. They have been holding on faithfully, and God will reward them highly for their loyalty. Let us not lose sight of the fact that God remembers, although others may seemingly forget.

As to the future in New York, we are trusting in the Omnipotent God. Let me assure you that God has not forgotten our problems. He will answer as we prepare our hearts for the answer. It is my conviction that God cannot do some things until we are ready.

Faithfully submitted,
L. B. Reese

Auditor's Report
June 22, 1965

To the New York District Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church:

This is to certify that I have made a cash audit of the records of the various departments of the District. Receipts deposited in banks and disbursements made by checks were verified by the bank statements and cancelled checks.

I present the following reports which I believe fairly present the results of the financial operations for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1965.

District Treasurer's Report
District Treasurer's Report of Ministerial Fund
Church Extension Treasurer's Report
Foreign Missionary Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Wilson

TREASURER OF WORLD MISSIONS REPORT
For the Twelve Month Ended May 31, 1965

Cash receipts and credits to churches:
Balance on hand June 1, 1964 .................................................. $20.68
Albany ................................................................................. $3,341.26
Brookdale ........................................................................... 298.97
Gloversville ......................................................................... 1,184.35
Northville ........................................ 1,514.00
Oakdale .......................................... 1,186.85
Oneonta ........................................... 1,309.67
Ravena .............................................. 801.34
Rochester ......................................... 739.27
Rockwood .......................................... 78.00
Sayre ............................................... 1,990.61
Wells ............................................... 655.75

Total Cash and Credits ................................ $13,100.07

Plus beginning Balance ................................ $13,120.75

Disbursements:
Cash forwarded to Headquarters, Indianapolis, and specified as follows:
Native Workers Supports and Christmas ................... $1,076.75
Missionaries’ Transportation .............................. 3,001.85
Missionaries’ Supports ..................................... 1,883.45
Self Denial Offerings ...................................... 2,383.55
General Funds ........................................... 1,406.10
Missionaries’ Gifts and Supplies ......................... 87.00
Missionary Homes and Schools ............................ 55.40
Unspecified .................................................. 2,172.21

Total remitted to Indianapolis .............................. $12,016.31

Amounts given direct:
General Funds ........................................ $ 120.00
Bible School Student, Africa .............................. 180.00
Native Workers’ Christmas ................................ 70.00
Missionaries’ Gifts ....................................... 68.45
Postage and Duty on Boxes ............................... 421.31
Missionaries’ Supports ................................... 69.00
Monthly Projects ........................................ 65.00

Total given direct ....................................... $ 993.76

Expenses:
Printing and Postage .................................... $ 15.00
Sec.-Treas. Salary for Conference Year ended May 31, 1965 75.00

Total Expenses ......................................... $ 90.00

Total Disbursements ...................................... $13,100.07

Balance on hand, May 31, 1965 .......................... $ 20.68

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jean Hoffman
DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1965

Balance on Hand 6/11/64 .............................................. 63.97

Receipts:
- United Stewardship Fund ........................................ $2,299.98
- Sunday School Rally Day Offering ............................ 113.26
- Easter Offering .................................................... 832.52
- E.P.C. Assessment .................................................. 821.70
- E.P.C. Special Offering ......................................... 1,310.56
- Gen. Home Missions ................................................ 5.00

Total Receipts for outside district ........................... $5,383.02

District Expense Fund:
- Ministers Tithe ..................................................... $2,477.39
- 10% of Regular Offerings ...................................... 2,329.65
- District Conference ............................................... 30.00
- Ministerial Convention .......................................... 89.61
- Pilgrim Voice ....................................................... 54.00
- General Fund ....................................................... 117.70

Total Receipts for District Expense ......................... 5,098.35

TOTAL RECEIPTS ..................................................... 10,481.37
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE ............................................ 10,417.40

Disbursements:
- United Stewardship Fund ........................................ $2,299.98
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- E.P.C. Special Offering ......................................... 1,310.56
- Gen. Home Missions ................................................ 5.00

Total Disbursements outside District ........................ 5,383.02

District Expenses:
- District Supt. Salary ............................................. $1,029.00
- Pension Plan ......................................................... 76.50
- Travel Expense ..................................................... 508.13
- Telephone ............................................................. 113.34
- Back Salary for Bro. Berg ....................................... 400.00

Total Dist. Supt. Expenses ........................................ 2,126.97

Pilgrim Voice ......................................................... $113.92
Ministerial Meeting .................................................. 157.00
Council Members Mileage .......................................... 323.21
Salaries of Dist. Officers ........................................ 400.00
Stationary, stamps, etc. ............................................ 45.77
DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT OF MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND
Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1965

Balance on Hand 6/11/64 ..........................  $ 318.70

Receipts:
Ministers 2% ........................................ $ 295.88
Ministers 7% .........................................  1,490.69

TOTAL RECEIPTS ......................................  1,786.57

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE ................................  2,105.27

Disbursements:
Ministers 2% .......................................... $ 306.78
Ministers 7% ..........................................  1,423.19

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ...............................  1,729.97

BALANCE ON HAND 6/11/65 ...........................  $  375.30

CHURCH EXTENSION TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1965

Balance on hand 6/11/64 .............................  $ 129.90

Receipts:
Membership Assessment ...........................  $ 395.48
Rochester Mortgage ................................  850.00

TOTAL RECEIGHTS ...................................  1,245.48

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE .............................  1,375.38

Disbursements:
Rochester Mortgage Payments ..................... $ 1,411.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ..............................  1,411.80

BALANCE ON HAND 6/11/65 ...........................  ($ 36.42)
### Financial Report

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Rev. L. B. Reese
SONG EVANGELISTS: Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Stuart

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