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Rev. Lloyd W. Stuart .......................... 2 years
Rev. J. N. Jump .......................... 1 year

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Rev. C. F. Berg .......................... 3 years
Rev. Lloyd W. Stuart .......................... 2 years
Rev. Bobbie L. Bidwell .......................... 1 year

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Conference Roll

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Rev. J. T. Austin              Rev. R. T. Holton
Rev. C. F. Berg               Rev. J. N. Jump
Rev. Bobbie L. Bidwell        Rev. Lloyd W. Stuart
Rev. Dacosta Braithwait       Rev. Harry L. Twining
Rev. Arnold Browne            Rev. Eugene White
Rev. Miles Gray               Rev. Norman Wilson
Rev. Meredith Helsby

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Rev. F. T. Finch, 947 Oakdale Rd., Johnson City, N. Y.
Rev. C. D. Shafer, Franklin St., Binghamton, N. Y.
Rev. Sadie Shafer, Franklin St., Binghamton, N. Y.
Rev. Helena Shafer, R.D. 6, Binghamton, N. Y.

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Mrs. Christine E. Helsby (OMS on Formosa)
L. Elwood Twining (Africa)
Madelyn Twining (Africa)

LAY DELEGATES
Albany .................................................. Roger Olsen
                        ................................................................. Lawrence Wilson
Brookdale .................................................. no delegate
Gloversville ........................................... Mrs. Geneva Washburn
Hartford ..................................................... no delegate
New York City ........................................ no delegate
Northville .............................................. Mrs. Leona Warner
Oakdale ................................................... Mrs. Mary O. Conklin
Oneonta .................................................. Alberta Devenpeck
Ravenna ................................................. Mrs. Virginia Wilson
Rochester ................................................ no delegate
Sayre .................................................... Mrs. Marie Ashe
                        ................................................................. Mrs. Helen Merrill
                        ................................................................. Charles Merrill
Wells ...................................................... Mrs. Iona Wilson
The first sitting of the 45th Annual Conference of the New York District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church was convened at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary of the Wells Pilgrim Holiness Church.

District Superintendent, Rev. L. B. Reese, greeted the conference and called Rev. Bobbie L. Bidwell of Sayre, Pa., to lead the assembly in an opening song. Mrs. Mary O. Conklin was at the organ as we sang together, “Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus.”

Following the opening song, we were led in prayer by Rev. Norman Wilson, pastor at Gloversville. A good refreshing season of prayer was followed by the introduction of the Conference Chairman, newly elected General Superintendent, Rev. John D. Abbott. Rev. Abbott brought greetings to the conference and informed us that General Superintendent, Paul F. Elliott would be the presiding officer over the Eastern area, but, because of a conflict, was not able to be present at this conference. Rev. Abbott spoke briefly regarding some memorable moments at the recent International Conference at Winona Lake. He then read the devotional lesson from I Timothy 1:11 and II Timothy 1:14. His emphasis stressed the words, “the glorious gospel of the blessed God”; glorious in its far outreach; this gospel is entrusted to us—what has happened to it? We are trustees of the Gospel. Rev. Abbott emphasized several points, including:

1. We are trustees for the TRUTH. It has been put in our hands and it may be abused and betrayed.

2. We are trustees for OUR OWN AGE and OUR OWN TIME. With a burning heart Brother Abbott emphasized to us the need of recognizing our responsibilities for our own boys and girls.

3. We are trustees for the FUTURE. We must pass along this Gospel in all of its purity.

4. We are trustees for our COUNTRY and for our LOCAL COMMUNITIES. We must make our influence felt.

5. We are trustees for OUR OWN CHILDREN to pass to them a measure of the spiritual heritage that has been ours. On this point, Rev. Abbott, made special emphasis of these particular areas:
   (a) The necessity of earnest prayer and faith.
   (b) The importance and practice of family altars.
   (c) The emphasis of family discipline—guiding discipline.
   (d) A holy and courageous separation between us and all that is wrong.

6. We are trustees for the SAVING OF THE LOST in the world about us.

7. We are trustees of the GOSPEL—how have we handled it?—how have I dispensed it?—have I been faithful with it?
In closing, Brother Abbott asked that we bow our hearts. We joined together in singing one verse of, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." A profitable period of devotion came to a close.

1. General Superintendent Abbott called the 45th Annual Conference to order and asked for a calling of the roll of Ministers and Lay Delegates.

2. Following the establishment of the conference roll, a motion prevailed that Rev. Eugene White, new pastor at Oneonta, be seated within the conference bar as an Ordained Minister, pending receipt of his transfer from the West Virginia Conference.

3. Rev. Bobbie Bidwell, Chairman of the Reception Committee, brought Rev. White to the front of the church where he was introduced to the Conference Chairman, who in turn, introduced him to the Conference. Brother White responded to the welcome of Rev. Abbott with a warm, glowing testimony and expressed a desire to be all that God would have him to be.

4. A request was made from the floor that the wife of the Rochester pastor be seated as a Delegate from the Rochester Church. This request was ruled out of order by the Chairman as it conflicts with manual regulations.

5. In keeping with a Standing Resolution, the District Secretary designated the first five rows of the sanctuary and the platform as constituting the conference bar.

6. A motion carried that this 45th Annual Conference officially adjourn at 9 p.m., and that the sittings be established as follows: the first sitting, 9 to 12; the second sitting, 1:30 to 5 and that, providing the business is finished, General Superintendent Abbott speak to the conference at 7 p.m.

7. Next on the agenda was the reading to the conference of the District Superintendent's Annual Report. This excellent report of various labours was received with a hearty AMEN!

8. Assistant District Superintendent Bobbie L. Bidwell gave the conference an oral report of his activities which was also received by motion. Brother Reese took opportunity to speak of his appreciation for the assistance given by Brother Bidwell.

9. A further introduction by the Reception Committee was made and Rev. Tommy Holshouser, Director of Development at Eastern Pilgrim College, was introduced to the conference. Rev. Holshouser responded with words of greeting, expressing regret that it had been impossible for President Farah to be present. A motion carried that Brother Holshouser be granted an honorary seat within the conference bar.

10. The Auditor's Report, prepared by Mrs. Marcia Wilson, was called for and read by the District Secretary. This report was received by motion.

11. District Treasurer, Rev. J. N. Jump, presented to the Conference the report of District finance. This complete report included the District Treasurer's Report and the Report of Pension Fund. These fine reports
were received by a unanimous vote, following several questions from the floor.

12. The report of World Missions Treasurer, prepared by Mrs. E. Jean Hoffman, was read by the District Secretary. This wonderful report was received by motion with thanksgiving. A suggestion by Delegate Mary Conklin changed the word “native” to “national” as it appeared in the World Missions report.

13. District Superintendent Reese suggested the reading of a resolution at this point that has a bearing on World Missions. This resolution was presented by the Chairman of the Steering Committee as follows:

“Inasmuch as our missionaries, Elwood and Madelyn Twining, have written of the urgent need for benches in their church, therefore, be it resolved that this Conference take immediate steps to liquidate this need which represents approximately $750.”

Brother Reese amplified the content of this resolution. It was adopted by the Conference and was referred to the Steering Committee for implementation.

14. Regular conference business resumed with the reading of the Statistical Report by Statistician Rev. Miles Gray. General Superintendent Abbott, commenting on the statistical report, called attention to the losses revealed and the desperate need of going down before God in seeking assistance from Him. Several items of the report were questioned from the floor and, following satisfactory explanation, the report was received by motion.

15. A report of the Campmeeting Treasurer, Rev. R. T. Holton was given. This good report was received with thanksgiving.

16. A letter containing greetings to the conference from one of our “elder-statesmen,” Rev. A. E. Blann, was read to the conference. A motion prevailed that this letter be responded to by the District Secretary and that a proper portion be spread on the 1966 Conference Journal. Rev. Blann writes:

“At the New York District Conference when they meet—tell them that I am in love with all God’s children. It has been a great pleasure to be a part of God’s wonderful family. It will soon be 67 years since I came into the fold. I have been blessed with gracious fellowship with the Saints and wonderfully kept by the Great Shepherd. What a time it will be when in that great day, all God’s children will be gathered Home. By God’s grace I will be there!!”

Bro. A. E. Blann

17. The District Secretary was requested to give an explanation relative to recent changes in dates and workers for the 1966 Campmeeting.

18. Roger Olsen, Member of the Seven Oaks Campmeeting Board conveyed regrets from the Secretary of said Board, for any confusion they might have been responsible for. However, it was clearly understood by all that the errors were strictly human and in no way deliberate.

19. Mary O. Conklin, Editor of the Pilgrim Voice spoke briefly in urging all pastors to see that their church is represented in each monthly
issue. She emphasized the need of the unity that obtains in this common bond of fellowship.

20. With the completion of the conference reports, the Steering Committee was called upon and the Chairman presented Resolution No. 2 and moved its adoption:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the pastor's support as shown on his annual report shall uniformly be that figure which is his actual gross income (including salary received by him, plus such items—tithe, Social Security, insurance, pension, etc.—as are paid for him)."

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

Resolution No. 3:

"BE IT RESOLVED that Miscellaneous Resolution No. 3, p. 14 be amended to call for the full telephone number (area code, exchange) and that each mailing address show Zip Code."

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

21. The Steering Committee presented Resolution No. 4 which had to do with the financial program for the coming year. This action was in keeping with a resolution adopted by the 1965 District Conference which requested the District Council to submit a budget to the 1966 Conference. The budget presented is as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the 1966-1967 Annual Budget for the New York District be in the amount of Six Thousand (6,000) dollars; be it further resolved that this annual budget be designated in these amounts and to these areas:

1. District Superintendent Salary $1,200.00
2. Parsonage Allowance for Superintendent 300.00
3. Superintendent's Expense (Pension, travel, telephone) 1,050.00
4. Pilgrim Voice 210.00
5. Ministerial Convention Speaker 150.00
6. District Officers Expense (honorariums) 400.00
7. District Office Expense 300.00
8. District Church Extension (insurance, mortgage, etc.) 1,500.00
9. Sinking Fund For General Conference Expense 400.00
10. Contingent Fund 490.00

be it further resolved that this District Budget be financed under provision of Finance Resolution No. 10, p. 13, plus certain miscellaneous receipts normally received into the District Treasury, such as receipts for: Ministerial Convention, Pilgrim Voice, District Camp-meeting, Rochester Church Extension and other miscellaneous contributions."

This resolution was moved and seconded and discussed at some length. Roger Olsen commented on the need of a workable plan to increase the source of funds for District operations. Brother Bidwell reminded the conference that the USF for the coming year has been raised from eight dollars per member to nine dollars and fifty cents.

A motion to refer the Finance Resolution back to the Steering Committee was tabled by the vote of the conference until a further word could be had from the Committee relative to a recommendation which will have a bearing on the District financial program.
A Recommendation was read by the Steering Committee Chairman having to do with equalizing the salary, to a designated point, of each District pastor. This recommendation was opened for discussion and several members of the conference spoke to the recommendation. A motion resulted which follows:

"WHEREAS there is a deplorable differential revealed in the support of our District pastors, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Superintendent explore, early in each conference year, the support situation on each organized pastorate, aiming at a minimum salary of Sixty Dollars weekly, a parsonage and all utilities supplied. When at least this minimum cannot be duly provided, be it resolved that the Superintendent submit his findings to the District Council with recommendations for such action as is suitable and possible.

Be it further resolved, that this New York District look toward the appropriation of funds for this purpose and the creation of a Committee on Supplements to consist of the District Superintendent, two pastors appointed by the District Superintendent, and two laymen named by the District Council, this committee to serve for the current conference year."

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

22. A motion carried that the tabled motion be removed from the table.

23. The motion that would have referred the main motion (Finance) back to the Steering Committee was called for and failed to carry.

24. A motion to adopt the previously itemized District Budget was seconded and unanimously approved.

25. At this juncture Reception Committee Chairman, Bro. Bidwell introduced a guest in the person of Rev. Orville Lawrence, fraternal delegate of the Champlain Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. Lawrence, pastor at Cobleskill, N. Y., conveyed greetings to the conference from Champlain Conference Superintendent, Rev. Charles Dayton. Brother Lawrence was granted an honorary seat within the conference bar.

26. Rev. Walter Skerritt also conveyed greetings to the conference from the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Hartford, Conn.

27. The Chairman of the Steering Committee called attention to Standing Resolution No. 4, p. 14, and moved an addition of the words, "within 30 days." This change was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

28. A motion to recess was offered by Rev. Skerritt. By common consent it was agreed that the first order of business upon reconvening was to be an address by Rev. Tommy Holshouser. The motion to recess carried and prayer was offered by Rev. Walter E. W. Skerritt.

Second Sitting — 1:30 P. M.

The Minutes of the opening session were read and were approved as far as read. The Conference Chairman introduced Rev. Tommy Holshouser who brought greetings to the conference and expressed regret that EPC President Farah was unable to be present. Brother Holshouser spoke of a desire to always fulfill the purpose for which EPC was instituted; it exists primarily for Pilgrim youth. He urged that EPC, school and staff, be remembered in prayer.

Following Brother Holshouser's address, the Chairman called the conference to the immediate business of the day which was the election of officers.

Upon the Chairman's request, the District Superintendent appointed the following as Tellers: Derold Kaine of Oneonta; Elwyn Albus of Northville; Fern Parker of Utica and Genevieve Stuart of Johnson City.

29. The first ballot cast was for a District Superintendent. The Ballotting resulted in the re-election of L. B. Reese, with 26 votes, for a period of two years. Brother Reese responded with appreciation for this confidence and expressed a desire to serve as God would direct.

30. Ballots were cast for an Assistant Superintendent resulting in the election of Rev. Bobbie L. Bidwell, with 22 votes on the first ballot, Bro. Bidwell accepted the voice of the conference and declared himself willing to serve to the best of his ability.

31. Council nominations were read for the office of District Secretary: Norman Wilson and Lloyd Stuart. Brother Stuart was re-elected with 21 votes.

32. Nominations from the District Council for the office of District Treasurer were: J. T. Austin, Miles Gay and J. N. Jump, Rev. J. N. Jump was re-elected on the first ballot with 25 votes.

33. A single ballot was cast for three advisory members of the District Council. The results of the first ballot elected the following: Rev. Norman Wilson, 19 votes; Rev. R. T. Holton, 17 votes and Rev. H. L. Twining, 17 votes.

34. The Conference Chairman spoke fittingly relative to the need and the duty of standing by the elected district officers.

35. A motion from the floor, unanimously adopted, empowered the District Council to appoint a Campmeeting Treasurer.

36. Ballots were cast for one member of the Educational and Examining Board. Rev. C. F. Berg was elected with 15 votes.

37. District Council nominations for a District Trustee were: H. L. Twining, B. L. Bidwell, and J. T. Austin. H. L. Twining was elected on the first ballot with 16 votes.

38. The District Council recommended that Mrs. Emeline Berg be named President of the District Missionary Society. This recommendation was ratified by the conference.

39. An announcement was made of District Council action relative to further implementation of district Sunday School and Youth work. An invitation has been extended to Rev. O. D. Emery, General Secretary of Sunday Schools and Youth, to visit our 1966 Campmeeting with the
express purpose of further enlightenment relative to the work of CYC and the new youth program.

40. The District Council recommended the ratification of E. Jean Hoffman as World Missions Treasurer. This recommendation was duly ratified.

41. The Sunday School Board, as appointed by the District Council, was announced to the conference: Rev. Norman Wilson, Chairman; Mary O. Conklin, R. T. Holton and Bobbie Bidwell.

42. Following the election of the District officers and the appointment of the Conference Committees, Brother Abbott presented to the conference, two informational sheets on the Ministerial Benevolent Association and the Pilgrim Pension Plan. These were read and commented on briefly.

43. The District Superintendent was requested to name the committees for the coming year and responded with a recommendation that all committees remain the same with the exception of the Reception Committee, which will be the Host Pastor, or as otherwise named.

44. An announcement regarding time and place of the 1967 Ministerial Convention was made.

45. The District Superintendent read the list of pastoral appointments for the coming year.

46. Invitations for the 1967 District Conference were received from the Oakdale, Gloversville and Hartford Churches. A motion prevailed that the 1967 Conference site be chosen by secret ballot. Gloversville was chosen as the place for the 1967 Conference with 15 votes.

47. A report from the Steering Committee was called for and the following was presented:

"In accordance with the request of this conference (Item 13, Journal of proceedings), BE IT RESOLVED, that the pastors present to their congregations the need of $750 for 25 pews in the Choma Church where our missionaries, Elwood and Madelyn Twining are laboring, enlisting pledges toward supplying this need. A report of progress will be made by the District pastors at the District Campmeeting. We recommend that the balance, if any, become a project of our campmeeting."

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

48. The Conference Steering Committee presented the following:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Standing Resolution No. 22, page 15, be amended to read as follows: 'Be it resolved that the District Superintendent encourage each pastor to lead his people into active sharing of a time of fasting and prayer on the first Friday of each quarter and that revival is to be the goal.'"

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

49. A resolution presented by the Steering Committee was as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that whereas Standing Resolution No. 29, page 15 calls for a duplication in reporting, that said resolution be deleted.

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.
50. Chairman of the Conference Steering Committee presented the following:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that Standing Resolution No. 17, page 15, be deleted and that the following be inserted as a substitute: 'Whereas the pastor is both example and shepherd to his flock, let him, with genuine conscientiousness, weigh his course in the fear of God, not only as to the television issue, but all other controversial participations.'"

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

51. A further resolution from the Steering Committee brought the following:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that in keeping with the emphasis of our recent International Conference, that we go on record as favoring a deepening and strengthening spiritually, with particular emphasis in the following areas:
   a. In consistent and daily family altars.
   b. In daily Bible reading.
   c. In daily personal devotion.
   d. In a renewed revival emphasis.
   e. In a more faithful stewardship commitment."

This resolution was recommended and adopted by conference vote.

52. The Conference Chairman, Rev. Abbott spoke to the foregoing resolution and described an aid which would help in carrying out this emphasis, a devotional book entitled, LIGHT FROM THE WORD, published quarterly by the Pilgrim Publishing House.

Brother Abbott reviewed various actions of interest passed at the International Conference including Church Merger, the increase in USF and organizational plans for the future. A request from the floor for a discussion of the Indigenous Church action, brought a warm, heart-searching response from the Chairman. God blessed the remarks of Brother Abbott and our spirits were stirred with a fresh "flame" as we listened to the message of a "burning heart."

53. Rev. Skerritt expressed endorsement of Brother Abbott's remarks concerning the fellowship of the International Conference and the goals expressed. He pledged himself as a representative of the Nationals, full support to our leaders and requested that the District remember the needs of the "West Indian portion" of the United States.

54. Mrs. Mary O. Conklin requested the privilege of expressing to the conference her deep appreciation in allowing her to represent them at the International Conference.

55. As the 45th Annual Conference appeared to be nearing a close, the Chairman of the Steering Committee presented the following:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that this conference express, by a rising vote, its genuine appreciation of the gracious chairmanship and the wholesome exhortations of our presiding officer, General Superintendent John Abbott."

The Conference stood in a body.

"BE IT RESOLVED, that we express to District Superintendent and Mrs. L. B. Reese, the gratitude of this conference for their willing
sacrifice and their uncomplaining service as they have labored among us in the year now ended."

This resolution was adopted by unanimous approval.

"BE IT RESOLVED, that we spread on the journal of this conference an expression of sincere thanks to Rev. James T. Austin as pastor, and to the congregation and friends at Wells for the thorough and delightful provisions for the assorted needs of this conference."

This resolution was adopted with a hearty amen!

56. The District Secretary announced that due to a change in the office of General Secretary, that Pocket Credential cards would be mailed.

57. A motion to adjourn the 45th Annual Conference was made and seconded and prayer was offered by District Superintendent Reese.

Respectfully submitted:

John D. Abbott, 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 Dis-
district 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
honorarium to District Treasurer, District Secretary, District Statician,
District Auditor and District Secretary-Treasurer of World Missions,
be set by the District Council.

No. 12. Whereas there is a deplorable differential revealed in the
support of our District pastors, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the District Superintendent explore, early in
each conference year, the support situation on each organized pas-
torate, aiming at a minimum salary of $60 weekly, a parsonage, and
all utilities supplied. When at least this minimum cannot be duly
provided, be it further resolved that the Superintendent submit his find-
ings to the District Council with recommendations for such action as
is suitable and possible.

Be it further resolved that this New York District look toward the
appropriation of funds for this purpose and the creation of a Committee
on Supplements to consist of the District Superintendent, two pastors
appointed by the District Superintendent, and two laymen named by the
District Council, this committee to serve for the current conference
year. (Adopted 1966)

No. 13. Resolved that the pastors support, as shown on his annual
report, shall uniformly be that figure which is his actual gross income
(including salary received by him, plus such items—tithe, Social Security,
insurance, pensions, etc.—as are paid for him). (Adopted 1966)

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 full telephone number, including area code
and exchange, be published annually in the Minutes and that the address
of the church include the zip code. (Adopted 1966)

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 within 30 days. (Adopted 1966)
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 than the third week in April.

No. 11. 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 of each event.

No. 17. Whereas, the pastor is both example and Shepherd to his flock, let him, in the fear of God and with genuine conscientiousness, weigh his course not only as to the television issue, but all other controversial participations. (Adopted 1966)
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. Resolved that the District Superintendent encourage each pastor to lead his people into active sharing of a time of fasting and prayer on the first Friday of each quarter and that revival is to be the goal. (Adopted 1966)

No. 21. 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. 22. 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-fifth Annual Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of New, and to General Superintendent Abbott greetings.

It is with joy that I make this report to the New York Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. The delight of working in the church one loves and appreciates is difficult to express in full. I can say without reserve that my love for God and for His people deepens with the passing of the years.

This past year has been one of busy occupation in the work of the Lord. In my official capacity as your superintendent, the following labors have consumed my time on the district and in relation to the work of the district.

(1) I have traveled approximately 11,000 miles by car and by plane.

(2) All the churches have been visited at least twice or more during the year.

(3) I have, in addition to the above travels, attended several council meetings, presided at annual church meetings; and have met with local boards on different occasions.
(4) I have preached 24 times on the district, in addition to speaking as Bible teacher at two camps on the district, and holding one revival for a district church.

(5) Among miscellaneous duties, I have attended the district conference; Eastern Pilgrim College board meetings; Church Leaders' Conference; taught two Short Courses; attended on area meeting at Washington, D.C.; held two Ministerials and three revivals off the district; attended the funeral of a district superintendent; organized one church; and have written numerous letters in relation to district work.

The hopes, aspirations, and forecasts for the district are somewhat involved in this, an involved, age. The state of litigation has left some things uncertain on the district; in this area we must continually pray, "Thy will be done."

Our British West Indies folk on the Atlantic seaboard have been visited this year, but I am not satisfied with the extent of our communication. It would seem that what is needed is a closer liaison with this segment of the district. If this is to be done, we should seek to open churches which could serve as a connecting link between the eastern and western sections of the district. Vision and Venture will spell out Victory in this area.

One thing needs to be considered at a local level. Our times are demanding much of the pastor. Especially in view of the higher cost of living and of inflated prices, there is need of real study and comparison relative to salaries for our pastors. A definite concerted look at the salaries of our men will certainly make us feel the inadequacy of some of them. Preachers cannot be expected to render proper care of their churches if they are forced "to go to the fields" for support, as were the neglected Levites of old.

We are thankful to God for the camp of 1965. If nothing more was accomplished, we proved to ourselves that it was possible to have a camp under existing circumstances. New York Pilgrims, let us make '66 an outstanding camp year. I am expecting to see the unusual. We are sorry that, due to a misunderstanding, our date had to be changed and another evangelist engaged. I am sure, however, that God will give us what is needed for a great spiritual "feast of tabernacles."

Let us this year "enlarge the place of (our) tent, and . . . stretch forth the curtains of (our) habitations: spare not, lengthen (our) cords, and strengthen (our) stakes" (Isa. 54:2), remembering that "the future is just as bright as the promises of God."

Prayerfully submitted,

L. B. Reese
Auditor's Report
June 21, 1966

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 21, 1966.

District Treasurer's Report
District Treasurer's Report of Ministerial Pension
Foreign Missionary Treasurer's Report
District Camp Meeting Treasurer's Report

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Wilson

TREASURER OF WORLD MISSIONS REPORT
For the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 1966

Cash receipts and credits to churches:
Balance on hand June 1, 1965 $20.68

Albany ............................................. $3,583.03
Brookdale ........................................ 308.00
Gloversville .................................... 1,064.76
Northville ....................................... 1,380.25
Oakdale .......................................... 1,234.90
Oneonta .......................................... 579.88
Pilgrim Holiness Camp, "Seven Oaks" .......... 50.66
Ravena ........................................... 1,049.77
Rochester ........................................ 764.49
Rockwood ........................................ 91.00
Sayre ............................................ 1,773.61
Wells ............................................. 510.31

Total Cash and Credits ....................... $12,390.66

Plus beginning Balance ..................... $12,411.34

Disbursements:
Cash forwarded to Headquarters, Indianapolis, and specified as follows:
National Workers' Supports and Christmas $1,249.45
Missionaries' Transportation ............... 3,925.21
Missionaries' Supports ..................... 2,916.94
Self Denial Offerings ...................... 1,841.18
General Funds ................................ 150.13
Missionaries' Gifts and Supplies .......... 78.85
Missionary Homes, Schools and Churches ........................................... 78.88
Cars ......................................................................................... 66.00
Missionary Medical ........................................................................ 92.67
Leper Colony, Jamaica ...................................................................... 25.00
Unspecified ................................................................................... 1,253.31

Total remitted to Indianapolis ......................................................... $11,677.62

Amounts given direct:
Bible School Student, Africa ......................................................... $ 180.00
Bible School Brazil ......................................................................... 100.00
Elwood Twining’s Transportation .................................................. 114.92
Postage and duty on boxes ............................................................ 76.62
National Workers’ Christmas ......................................................... 15.00
Missionaries’ Gifts ......................................................................... 82.00
Ray Chamberlain, Jr., Medical ........................................................ 55.00

Total given direct ........................................................................... $ 623.54

Expenses:
Printing and Postage ................................................................. $ 14.50
Sec.-Treas. Salary for Conference Year ended May 31, 1966 ............. 75.00

Total Expenses ............................................................................. $ 89.50

Total Disbursements ...................................................................... $12,390.66

Balance on hand, May 31, 1966 ...................................................... $ 20.68

Respectfully submitted,
E. Jean Hoffman

DISTRICT CAMP MEETING TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance June 1, 1965 .................................................................... —0—

Receipts:
Pledges and offerings ............................................................... $1,856.31
Missionary Offering ................................................................. 50.66
Bookroom and Snack Bar .......................................................... 628.34
Receipts received—not recorded .................................................. 77.03

Total Receipts ............................................................................. $2,612.34

Total Cash Available .................................................................. $2,612.34

Disbursements:
Evangelists and Workers .......................................................... $ 870.00
Food .......................................................................................... 530.87
Wash Room and Misc. Supplies .................................................. 9.34
Bank Chgs. ................................................................................. 2.00
Missionary Offering ................................................................. 50.66
Insurance, Printing, Advertising ................................................ 120.36
Organ Rental .............................................................................. 35.00
For use of Camp Ground ........................................ 260.00
Books and Supplies ........................................... 74.03
Medical Expense ................................................ 16.40
Campers Conference (H. L. Twining) ....................... 53.80
Misc. Expenses .................................................. 20.00

Total Disbursements ........................................... $2,042.46

Cash on Hand 5/31/66 ........................................ $ 569.88

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. Holton

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1966

Balance on Hand 6/11/65 ........................................ $ 1,454.38

Receipts:
United Stewardship Fund ........................................ $2,717.88
Sunday School Rally Day ...................................... 121.18
Easter Offering ...................................................... 1,051.67
E.P.C. Assessment ................................................. 888.00
E.P.C. Special Offering ......................................... 115.50
Gen. Conference Expense ....................................... 84.00
Canadian Work ....................................................... 315.00

Total Receipts for outside District ......................... $5,293.23

District Expense Fund:
Ministers Tithe .................................................. $2,676.57
5% of Regular Offerings ................................ 2,544.89
District Conference ................................................ 30.00
Ministerial Convention ...................................... 112.89
Pilgrim Voice ..................................................... 63.00
District Camp Meeting ....................................... 154.88
Rochester Church Extention ................................ 375.00
General Fund ....................................................... 64.10

Total Receipts for District Expense ......................... $6,021.33

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TOTAL RECEIPTS ........................................... $11,314.56
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE ................................. $12,768.94

Disbursements:
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Canadian Work ....................................................... 315.00

Total Disbursements outside District ....................... $5,209.23
District Expenses:
- Dist. Supt. Salary ................................ $1,274.00
- Pension Plan ...................................... 120.00
- Travel Expense .................................... 720.14
- Telephone .......................................... 137.88
- Christmas Gift for Bro. Reese .................. 50.00

Total Dist. Supt. Expenses ......................... $2,302.02

Pilgrim Voice ...................................... $ 205.51
Ministerial Convention ............................ 150.00
Council Members Expense ......................... 278.95
Salaries of Dist. Officers ......................... 200.00
Stationary, stamps, etc. ........................... 54.11
Leaders Meeting ................................... 39.77
Printing of Dist. Minutes ......................... 171.39
Dist. Camp Meeting ................................ 210.45
Indoor Camp ......................................... 201.20
Rochester Insurance ................................. 144.00
Rochester Mortgage ................................. 1,305.37
Rochester Building ................................ 661.03

Total District Expense .............................. $3,621.78

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .............................. $11,133.03

CASH ON HAND 6/10/66 .............................. $ 1,635.91

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT OF
MINISTERIAL PENSION FUND

Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1966

Balance on hand 6/11/65 ............................ $ 375.30

Receipts:
- Ministers 2% ...................................... $ 334.70
- Ministers 8% ...................................... 1,620.40

TOTAL RECEIPTS ................................ $1,955.10

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE .......................... $2,330.40

Disbursements:
- Ministers 2% ...................................... $ 297.00
- Ministers 8% ...................................... 1,531.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ........................... $1,828.00

BALANCE ON HAND 6/10/66 ........................ $ 502.40
### Financial Report

#### RECEIPTS

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