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FLORIDA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Third Annual Conference of the Florida District:
GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR CAPTAIN, JESUS CHRIST!

It is again our desire to thank God for the favors and blessings of another year. We feel it has been a year well spent, and in the center of His will. While sin is pauperizing the nations of the world, only a quick glance will tell us that God is making His children rich in grace and honoring the prayers and labors of His own.

Rev. R. C. Hawkins, Secretary of Church Extension, has been a buddy, a friend, and a leader to us, whom only God can reward for his untiring efforts in our behalf. Our ministers of the Gospel are putting their very soul into the work, which God is honoring; and the prayers and faithfulness of our laity are surely to be commended.

Let us look at the spiritual tide of the churches first. Only a recent report from Bradenton, — shouts of praise, tears of joy, and every indication of God's presence; Miami, — an unsaved man built a lovely altar and a few weeks later found Christ as his Savior amidst a glorious service at the altar he built. St. Petersburg says, — "we had a heart warming service and the people were blessed and encouraged." In Lake Worth, souls have been praying through in the mid-week prayer meetings. These reports make us bow our heads and ascribe praise to Him who loved us, washed us, and made us kings and priests, both intercessors and victors. Praise the Lord!

Numerically the picture is very good. For ourselves we claim little or no credit; since our time in this office has been short. However, the facts are for our encouragement. At last report the total membership was 127, this year it totals 189, — a 48% gain.

While the Orlando Church was not organized under our leadership, it comes under this report. This new lighthouse of the gospel now has thirty-two members, a fine Sunday School, a lovely church building, a new parsonage, and a go-for-God that will give us all a challenge to keep ahead of them. The fine group at Lake Worth was organized only eight months ago, and with numerous tests and discouraging times, trying to find a place of temporary worship, yet the report is excellent. They report an average of 31 in Sunday School, a membership of 23, and last week the Sunday School roll increased to 53. The parsonage will soon be ready for occupancy, and plans are made for the erection of the church immediately. A fine community interest leads us to predict a fast growing and spiritual church. Miami has a new paint job on the church, and new altar rail. Saint Petersburg has purchased a parsonage, and have almost liquidated their church debt. Both Saint Petersburg and Bradenton are making plans for more Sunday School quarters. Fort Lauderdale has purchased a new piano, painted and improved the exterior of their church; and now are in the process of starting their new parsonage. I believe these words tally up to only one answer; that is — progress.

My personal report is as follows: Since November fifteenth, we have attended or held 52 services outside the Fort Lauderdale Church,

which we are still pastoring. We have traveled 6105 miles for the District, dedicated one church, and one property, baptized three, held one revival, assisted in buying one parsonage. We have investigated the possibilities of five places for churches, organizing one, which is now in the process of building a parsonage. Best of all, we are enjoying the blessing of the Lord on our souls.

The Superintendent's Conference was a special blessing to our souls, as we were privileged to fellowship our General leaders. Our six council meetings were owned of God, and the five annual meetings were all a pleasure, in fellowship and good spirit. In closing we say, thanks to you for your support, and to God for His leadings.

Signed,

Ray Richards

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE

1. We recommend that our annual conference year shall end with April 30th, and that the annual conference shall convene on Monday of the 3rd week of June and that all funds be in the hands of the District Treasurer by the fifteenth of May.
2. We recommend that the District Superintendent shall appoint all committees.
3. We recommend that 200 copies of the Journal of Proceedings of the third annual conference of the Florida District be printed and that they be in the hands of the printer within thirty days; and we further recommend that they be sold for 35 cents each.
4. We recommend that the local church treasurers balance their books at the close of each month and send all district and general funds at once to the District Treasurer.
5. Whereas there are many groups engaged in gospel work that continue to solicit the cooperation and financial support of our people; and Whereas the Pilgrim Holiness Church furnishes us with a full program of gospel work in the local church, the district, and the world wide program of church extension and missionary work; and Whereas while we do recognize that there are many other worthy groups engaged in gospel work, and we bid them God's speed, but we further believe that our church deserves our full support. Therefore be it resolved that we advise and encourage all our Pilgrims in the Florida district to give undivided loyalty and entire support to the work of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.
6. We recommend that all ministers accepted as members by the annual Conference of the Florida Home Missionary District, shall place their membership in some local church in the district within thirty days following the close of that Conference.
7. We recommend that we have two additional Council members, to be elected by the Conference.
8. Be it resolved that the Florida District make a forward move this conference year by accepting the invitation to The Central Florida

Bible Institute to begin an annual Camp Meeting centered in Intercession City with the free use of its facilities.

Be it further resolved that we have the first District Camp Meeting this conference year, the date being set in this convention, so we will have ample time for advertising.

We also recommend that (amendment) the District Council serve as a Camp Meeting Board, with the power to contact and secure the services of the best evangelists obtainable. We suggest that at least one of the first evangelists be selected from our General officers; The General Superintendent, if possible.

9. We recommend that a District Home Missions Committee (amendment) be appointed by the District Council, of at least three members in different parts of the district to look for openings for new churches, and to plan campaigns for same; by the use of Pilgrim pastors and evangelists who will volunteer their services in the spirit of the pioneers; and that we set our goal for five new organizations within this conference year.
10. We recommend that our local churches select a competent Sunday School leader to start a new Sunday School in a new locality whether in a private home, hall, or church, and continue that work until a revival meeting can be held, preferably at the request of the people attending, and then if feasible organize a church.
We present these resolutions in the hope that they will aid in the forward move of the district and the officers appointed by the general church.
11. We recommend that each month the Sunday School Secretary publish a sheet showing the attendance of each Sunday School in the Conference to be sent to each pastor. We further recommend that we produce a progressive Sunday School program.
12. Whereas many of our members are not familiar with the actions of the Conference, therefore be it resolved that the Pastor shall have a special meeting of his church at the earliest possible date, for the purpose of familiarizing his people with their privileges, and responsibilities for the conference year.
13. We recommend that each church provide a parsonage with telephone, and utilities; and where parsonages are not equipped with adequate facilities, window shades, kitchen and bathroom floor coverings, that provisions be made for the same by the local church.
14. We recommend that where churches and parsonages are located in cities, that the location of the church and parsonage, with the telephone number, appear in the minutes.
15. We recommend that the District have a Ministerial Convention, and that a committee be appointed to take charge of the program of the convention.
16. We recommend that each pastor be granted a two weeks vacation with pay.
17. We recommend that pastors or church secretaries of deceased members of our District Conference bring to the Committee on Memoirs a copy of the obituary of the deceased and any other information that is available.

18. We recommend that each pastor keep a record of all names and addresses of the subscribers to the Pilgrim Holiness Advocate in the vicinity of the pastorate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Morningstar

Wm. Beirnes

Robert Stunkel

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

FIRST SESSION

Wednesday May 30, 1956 — 1:30 P. M.

The Third Annual Conference of the Florida Home Missionary District, of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, convened in the beautiful Morrison Memorial Church, Intercession City, Florida, at 1:30 p.m., May 30, 1956.

From the very beginning the spirit of God on the people was like the balmy sea breezes of our tropical climate; and the warmth each felt throughout, like the glorious rays of our Florida sunshine.

With Mrs. H. B. Kreider at the piano, Rev. T. R. York led the congregation in singing "Love Lifted Me," after which Rev. Ray Richards, the District Superintendent, called the conference to prayer. He made request that the conference pray especially for Rev. William H. Neff, our General Superintendent, who has been ill.

Rev. A. L. Luttrull, pastor of the Morrison Memorial church, extended a warm welcome to all, urging all to be free and comfortable and have a good time.

Rev. Richard C. Hawkins, General Secretary of Church Extension and Home Missions, was introduced and seated as chairman for the Conference.

Rev. Hawkins made a few brief, but stimulating remarks in opening the first session of the business of the Conference.

He referred to the unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our church leaders at the Headquarters in Indianapolis, where, said he, "our great Forward Movement was born."

"The Forward Movement of the Pilgrim Holiness Church was not designed specifically for the Church Extension Department. But **we must** move forward," he said, challenging the Florida preachers and delegates to 'establish churches in the faith and increase in numbers daily as did the early church.' 'I do not want to live in the book of Numbers, but if we are going to get people to God, we are going to have to go where they are. If we will let Him, I believe God will use us right down to the end,' he declared.

His timely message set fire to the Conference from the start. And all felt the challenge to a real Forward Movement in Florida for the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

In the absence of a District Secretary, Rev. Richards, the Superintendent, appointed Celia Bradshaw Winkle to fill this vacancy during the Conference.

The roll call for ministers and delegates was then given.

A motion prevailed to seat Mrs. Hazel Howard as a delegate for the Avon Park church.

The Conference Bar was established to include the first four rows of seats in the front of the auditorium.

The Conference hours were set to include:

Wednesday 1:30 — 4:30 p.m.; Ordination service at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 — 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 — 3:00 p.m.

The Reception Committee presented and introduced Rev. and Mrs. Robert Stunkel, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Kreider, Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Pridgen, Rev. T. R. York, and Rev. James Cunningham. A good testimony was heard from each with notes of praise interspersed.

Sister Stunkel stirred the hearts of the people as she witnessed of being saved from a dead formal religion. Shouts of praise were raised to God, and all joined in singing, "It's Real, It's Real." "Praise God, I know it's real!"

A special delegation from the new Orlando church was then introduced by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Kreider, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Nicewander, Mr. and Mrs. Traber, Mr. William Smith, Mrs. Ivy Melbourne, Mr. Alvin Heintzelman, and Mrs. Mildred Leach.

A motion was made, and carried, to seat Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Pridgen, and Rev. James Cunningham within the Conference Bar with a voice and voting privileges.

The next business in order was the report of the District Superintendent, Rev. Ray Richards.

Having been appointed to fill the vacancy in the middle of the year, because of the illness of Rev. J. M. Burcham, he gave a gratifying report of his six months work, which brought down praise from Rev. Hawkins and the entire Conference. It was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

It was voted to receive two new churches into the Conference: Orlando, with Mr. Alvin Heintzelman, lay delegate; and Lake Worth, with Mrs. Marian Horsely, delegate.

The District Superintendent made a number of appointments, which were approved by the Conference:

Conference Secretary: Celia Bradshaw Winkle

Resolutions Committee: Rev. J. H. Morningstar, Rev. Wm. Beirnes, and Rev. Robert Stunkel

Education and Examining Committee: Rev. H. B. Kreider
Rev. T. R. York
Rev. A. L. Luttrull

"This has been a transitory time this year," were the words of Rev. Ray Richards, as he gave the District Treasurer's report, having had to fill out part of the year as District Treasurer, as well as District Superintendent.

The good report was accepted with appreciation and praise.

The District Statistician, Rev. C. M. Andrews, gave a well prepared, itemized report for the state.

At this point, Rev. Hawkins stood and commended Rev. Andrews

for the excellent work done in preparing the report; and congratulated the Florida District for a 48 per cent gain in membership, a 30 per cent gain in Sunday School attendance; and noted that this year, Florida has put back into the General church, \$2435.00, out of a \$57,000.00 church business, and has made an increase in equity of \$33,000.00.

The report was received with a unanimous vote of thanks.

Again Rev. Hawkins, on his feet, urged, "We must teach our people right to begin with. Train them to give proportionately to all departments of our church. We must not neglect to give to Foreign Missions or any one department to support another."

The District Superintendent informed the Conference that every Pilgrim Holiness Church in Florida is a tithing church.

SECOND SESSION

Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

As the second session of the Conference opened, a wonderful spirit prevailed while the congregation, led by Mrs. Geneva Stunkle, sang "Amazing Grace," and "Revive Us Again."

Rev. Richards presided, and Rev. M. T. Cockman, of Lebanon, Indiana, led in prayer.

Mrs. C. P. Pridgen and Mrs. Nancy Welch were a blessing as they sang a special number, "O It is Wonderful."

The spirit of the Lord came down like refreshing rain upon the place. His presence filled the sanctuary until people from the platform and pews were up testifying and praising God. Some were shouting and running the aisles in old camp meeting style, as they sang, "Tis the Old Time Religion," and other favorite hymns.

Brother Hawkins arose and said, "We don't have to do anything but mind God. I can't look back to a time when it was better than now."

The Ordination Committee took their places on the platform and the call was made for the candidates to be seated on the front pews.

Solemn and appropriate scripture readings were given. Rev. Ray Richards read I Tim. 3:1-11; Rev. H. B. Kreider, II Tim. 4:1-5; and Rev. T. R. York, Titus 3:1-11.

The General Secretary of Church Extension, Rev. R. C. Hawkins, delivered the Ordination Charge, which was powerful and challenging, piercing the very hearts and souls of the hearers.

He spoke from II Cor. 4:5

"We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

He said, "We preach not ourselves, we preach Christ," emphasizing what the leaders of the early church **did not** preach and what they **did preach**."

"They did not preach themselves.

They were not self appointed.

They were not self taught.

They were not self seeking.

They were not seeking riches.

They did not preach what people wanted, but what they needed.

They had one message, one goal, one purpose, one aim; to preach Christ.

"That is our message, our goal, our aim and our purpose; to preach Christ.

When we preach ourselves we come to a quick ending. Let us preach Christ, who alone is able to save to the uttermost.

We are to be servants, His servants, yes, servants of the Most High God; to feed the flock and carry on the work of the kingdom.

"To preach the gospel is the most serious business any man was ever called upon to do. To be called of God to preach is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon any human being."

At the close of the Ordination message the candidates, Rev. C. M. Andrews, Rev. Mrs. Beulah Andrews, and Rev. Robert Stunkel knelt at the altar. The Ministerial Committee laid their hands upon their heads and the personal charge was given each one before the open Bible.

It was a sacred hour and prayer was going up from every heart that God would help them to be true to the sacred trust; and that God would use them mightily.

The service was one benediction of God's holy presence. Every one left the sanctuary feeling it was good to have been there.

THIRD SESSION

The Thursday morning session opened with Rev. Ray Richards presiding. Celia Bradshaw Winkle led the congregation in singing, "This Is My Story." She chose this hymn in keeping with the Conference theme, "WE PREACH CHRIST."

Rev. James Cunningham led in prayer.

Rev. M. T. Cockman, deputational worker for the Church Extension and Home Missionary Department of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, was then presented.

Rev. Cockman told the Florida Pilgrims, "I am here to look you over, to see what you are, and what you are doing, so I can talk about you as I go on my way."

He praised Rev. Hawkins as a great Church Extension and Home Missionary Leader, and said, "Let us stand by him and hold up his hands."

Brother Cockman then brought a strong and urgent message on the subject of "Prayer". He used as a text, a part of James 5:16. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

He said, "The key of prayer is the secret of success to any man. Nothing in the world is more powerful than prayer. How you move forward in the Florida District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, depends on the amount of praying you do.

John Wesley was a man of prayer. The walls of his room were stained with the breath of prayer. Men who have accomplished things have been men of prayer. We must rely upon God to give us real answers to prayer.

If we Pilgrims get any where in the work of the church, we must do it in prayer.

What is real praying? Real praying is talking to God. Real praying is talking to God **definitely**, it is talking to God **personally**. Real praying is opening the heart to God. Real praying is hard work.

Real praying is also **listening** to God, waiting on God. It would be remarkable what God could do for us if we would do some real talking to God, and do some **real** listening to God; and find out His will, and His pattern for us.

We must learn to pray anywhere: on the highways, and in the scramble of life, when we cannot find privacy.

Real prayer includes tenderness, intercession, a heart cry. If we can't see a lost world through our tears they will never be saved.

If God is interested in meeting the needs of my heart, then is He not interested in meeting the needs of my church, and the needs of my District? Why go on meager fare when we can have our cups running over?

Real prayer includes self denial, courage and boldness.

There are wonderful things ahead, great victories to be had, for the salvation of souls, and for the forward movement of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Florida, if we really pray and trust God.

If we do more praising, we will do less criticizing and more advancing on Satan's territory."

Brother Cockman's message was heartily received and a motion was made to invite him to have a seat inside the bar with full privileges of the floor.

Celia Bradshaw Winkle, the Conference Secretary, read the minutes of the first and second sessions, which were approved.

A special resolution was introduced: Be it resolved that a photographer be secured to take a picture of the Conference group. (Carried)

Resolution number 8 was brought before the Conference and discussed.

A motion was made to amend the resolution: To strike out the words, "form a camp meeting board," and insert the words, "District Council." The motion carried.

A motion was then made to refer the whole matter of resolution No. 8 to the District Council, and it prevailed.

Rev. A. L. Luttrull, pastor of the Morrison Memorial Church, arose and advised the chairman and the Conference he would have to leave.

He graciously thanked the Conference for coming to his church; and extended a hearty invitation for them to return. He urged them to come to Intercession City for a Florida District Camp Meeting in 1957, with free facilities provided for the same. He also offered free use of the printing press for printing the Conference Minutes.

Real appreciation was expressed to Brother Luttrull for his liberal hospitality. The Assembly gave him a rising vote of thanks and bid him God's best in his summer campaigns.

The Resolutions Committee again reported.

Special resolution: Be it resolved that the Florida District have an annual Ministerial Convention. Carried.

Resolution No. 16 was adopted and carried. Resolution No. 17 was adopted, discussed, and carried.

The photographer came and the Conference was called out for the picture.

A motion was made to adjourn until one o'clock. Carried.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. H. B. Kreider.

FOURTH SESSION

Thursday 1 P. M.

Rev. Ray Richards called the Conference to order and all joined in singing one verse of "Amazing Grace," after which Rev. T. R. York led the invocation.

Rev. R. C. Hawkins then took the chair and presided.

The Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Rev. William Beirnes, presented a number of resolutions.

Special Resolutions

1. Be it resolved that the Florida District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, have an annual Camp Meeting. Carried.
2. We, the Committee on Resolutions, recommend that the District Council comprise the District Camp Meeting Board. Carried.
3. We suggest that at least, one Evangelist, if possible, be a General Superintendent of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Carried.
4. We recommend that the 1957 Florida District Camp Meeting be held at Intercession City, Florida, with free facilities; if the District Council deems it advisable. Carried.
5. We recommend that the Executive Officers of the District Council be the Trustees of the Florida District. Carried.
6. We recommend that each pastor in the Florida District keep a record of all names of subscribers to the **Pilgrim Holiness Advocate**, in, and near, his home town or city. Carried.
7. Be it resolved that our District Council appoint a Committee to appeal to our State Representative, or Senator, or both; with regard to obtaining relief for our school children and youth, who have conscientious objections to indulging in practices contrary to the teachings of our church manual and religious beliefs.

Be it further resolved that we put ourselves on record as opposed to immodesty, dancing, and other features objectionable to the standards of the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Carried.

Resolution No. 9 as amended, carried.

Resolution No. 10 carried.

Resolution No. 11 carried.

Resolution No. 12 carried.

Resolution No. 13 was discussed. Carried.

Resolution No. 14 was discussed. Carried.

Resolution No. 15 was adopted and discussed.

The motion was amended to read, "Conference to set time and place."

A substitute motion prevailed, "that we have an invitation, and that the Council set the time and place." Carried.

A list of new ministers being transferred to the Florida District, was presented to the Conference, by the District Superintendent.

Rev. Robert Stunkel	Indiana
Rev. Mrs. Geneva Stunkel	Indiana
Rev. C. P. Pridgen	Louisiana
Rev. Mrs. Martha Pridgen	Louisiana
Rev. James Cunningham	Indiana
Rev. T. R. York	North Carolina
Rev. H. B. Kreider	Michigan

A motion prevailed to receive these ministers into the Conference, in full standing.

REPORT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Rev. Robert Stunkel, reported.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the District Officials be reimbursed, when using their automobiles; at the rate of five cents per mile, plus meals and lodging, when traveling in the interest of the District.
2. We recommend that all ordained and licensed ministers of the Conference be required to pay fifty per cent, (or one half), of their tithes, from their ministerial labors, into the District treasury, through the local church where their membership is held.
3. We recommend that each District Church be assessed five per cent of all regular offerings of the church, as their portion of the District budget.
4. We recommend that, inasmuch as Home Missionary Districts are exempted from paying to the General Budget; we give special emphasis to the three annual offerings for General Church interest, namely: Rally Day offering for Sunday Schools, November Self-denial offering for Foreign Missions, and Easter offering for Home Missions and Church Extension.
5. We recommend that the District Budget be pro-rated as follows: District Conference ten per cent, District Church Extension twenty five per cent, District Administration sixty per cent, District Contingent Fund five per cent.
6. We recommend that the fuel and utilities of the District Superintendent be paid by the Conference.
7. We recommend that the automobile license, and car insurance of the District Superintendent be purchased, and paid, by the Conference.

NEXT CONFERENCE DATE

The date was set for the next Conference namely: The Monday of the third week of June, 1957 at 7:30 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers appointed by the General Board for the Conference Year 1956 — 1957.

District Superintendent	Rev. Ray Richards
District Secretary	Rev. Floyd Gookins
District Treasurer	Rev. Robert V. Stunkel

Officers appointed by the District Superintendent:

Resolutions Committee

Rev. J. H. Morningstar, Rev. William F. Beirnes, Rev. C. P. Pridgen

Ways and Means Committee

Rev. Robert V. Stunkel, Rev. Floyd Gookins, Rev. Ray Richards

State Statistician

Rev. C. M. Andrews

Editing Committee

Rev. Celia Bradshaw Winkle, Rev. C. M. Andrews, Rev. Floyd Gookins

Memoirs Committee

Rev. Mrs. Geneva Stunkel, Rev. Mrs. Martha Pridgen

Auditing Committee

Rev. C. M. Andrews, Rev. J. H. Morningstar

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Avon Park	To be supplied
Bradenton	Rev. C. M. Andrews
Fort Lauderdale	Rev. James Cunningham
Lake Worth	Rev. Floyd Gookins
Miami	Rev. Robert Stunkel
Orlando	Rev. H. B. Kreider
St. Petersburg	Rev. T. R. York

District Secretary Of Sunday School And Youth

Rev. C. M. Andrews

COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED BY SECRET BALLOT

Rev. T. R. York, Rev. C. M. Andrews

A motion was carried that the Florida District put into force, a Group Insurance Plan, as soon as it can be worked out.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined, and found the books of the District to be correct, and in good condition.

Rev. Wm. Beirnes

Rev. I. K. Blowers

MEMOIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

To God be all the glory for His marvelous Presence in our third Annual Conference.

We praise God there has been no deaths during the past year. And those of our ministers, who have had serious illness, the Lord has raised up to continue His work.

Our hearts were thrilled again and again as we heard of the progress of the Florida churches, under the leadership of our pastors, and our District Superintendent, Rev. J. M. Burcham.

After the resignation of Brother Burcham, the newly appointed Superintendent, Rev. Ray Richards, has so capably taken over the re-

sponsibilities. Besides pastoring his own church at Fort Lauderdale, and the District work; he has been forced to finish out the year as Pastor at Lake Worth, and simultaneously the work of District Treasurer. He is proving himself a man for the hour.

We want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Central Florida Bible Institute for its warm welcome; to the Christian Hotel Staff who furnished us with nice comfortable rooms and good nourishing meals; to Rev. A. L. Luttrull, school president, and pastor of the Morrison Memorial Church, with his assistant, Rev. J. H. Morningstar, who did everything possible to make our stay with them an enjoyable one.

We want to give a word of commendation to Sister Celia Bradshaw Winkle, who obeyed the call of God to pioneer Home Missionary work in the State of Florida, opening up new churches here; and for all others that have obeyed the call to come this way.

We appreciate the timely message on "Prayer" delivered to us by Rev. M. T. Cockman.

We praise God for the stirring appeal of Rev. Richard C. Hawkins, our General Secretary of Church Extension, to a "forward movement" in Florida this year, in winning souls, and adding them to the church.

For all these Servants of the Lord, and their good work, let us show our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

Signed,

Mrs. H. B. Kreider

Mrs. J. H. Morningstar

The Conference then gave a special vote of thanks to Rev. Hawkins for the effective and efficient way he handled the affairs of the District Conference; and for his untiring and self-sacrificing labors for God, and the Home Missionary Department of our church.

Rev. Hawkins gave a warm and appropriate closing message to the delegates and ministers. His message in part said:

"I appreciate, more than words can tell, the wonderful spirit manifested by all in this Conference. I appreciate the wonderful shouts of victory; these over-flow times. I appreciate the zeal, the interest, the rising tide. I can not but commend the hard work of the Florida preachers and people; and the wonderful cooperation manifested in this Conference, and throughout the churches.

Doing this kind of work is hard work. Sometimes it may seem a little slow and discouraging; but keep on going for God.

We appreciate the fine work of all of the members of this Conference; its good, out-ward and far-ward look.

We have not really tapped the potential of what God really wants to do with us, and for us.

Our resolutions will not amount to anything if we just leave them on paper. We can't afford to play at religion.

How fleeting life is. How soon it is gone. God help us to be at our best.

Let us keep step with the Spirit, under God's anointing; and by our holy lives, be a reproach to the devil wherever we go."

A motion was made to adjourn.

As Rev. H. B. Kreider pronounced the final benediction, it seemed we were all near the mercy seat and the Shekinah Glory was overshadowing us; out of which an echo seemed to say, "Go ye," and "Lo I am with you," and "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least, ye did it unto Me."

A sweet fellowship was sensed as the delegates bade each other good bye; each hurrying back to his place to be blessed and used of God for another year, or "until He comes."

FLORIDA DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers's Report To The Third Annual Conference Of Florida

APRIL 30, 1956

Church Extension Balance Jan. 1, 1955			
Receipts	\$ 816.07		
Paid out		\$ 791.57	
Balance April 30, 1956			\$ 24.50
Foreign Missions Balance Forwarded	172.74		
Receipts	1679.50		
Total	<u>1852.24</u>		
Expended		1614.34	
Balance			237.90
Sunday School & Youth Forwarded			
Receipts	30.00		
Expended		30.00	
Pension Plan Balance Forwarded	3.30		
Receipts	404.16		
Total	<u>407.46</u>		
Expenditures		375.66	
Balance on Hand			31.80
Administration Balance Forwarded	167.55		
Receipts	687.20		
Total	<u>854.75</u>		
Expenditures		846.70	
Balance on Hand			8.05
Florida Home Missions Balance Forwarded	344.99		
Receipts	443.74		
Total	<u>788.73</u>		
Expenditures		716.31	
Balance on Hand			72.42
General Conference Balance Forwarded	199.99		
Receipts	221.06		
Total	<u>421.05</u>		
Balance on Hand			301.05
(Lake Worth Loan)	\$105.00		
Balance in all funds			<u>\$801.01</u>

A note of interest, Fla. Dist. has turned back into the General Church
\$2435.00

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

	Members on roll last report	Names dropped	Transferred by Letter	Total Removals	Additions by letter	Additions by Faith	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Local Ministers	Members in full standing (besides ministerial)	Non-voting Members	Total Members	Gain	Loss	Preaching Services	Church Prayer Meetings	Cottage Prayer Meetings	Other Services	Total Services	Advocate Subscriptions
Avon Park	7				1	2				6		8	1		101	63			174	
Bradenton	33	8	4	12	9	2	2	1		20	9	32		1	140	72		92	304	1
Ft. Lauderdale	24		3	3	4	3	1			22	5	28	4		163	78	3	99	343	10
Lake Worth							1			10	12	23	23		72	18	24	13	127	6
Miami	23	6				1	1			16	1	18		5	138	78		23	239	10
Orlando							1		1	30		32	32		105	45	4	23	177	21
St. Petersburg	40		4	4	2	10	1			40	7	48	8		128	67		36	231	
TOTAL	127	14	11	19	16	16	9	1	1	144	34	189	68	6	847	421	31	286	1595	48

PASTOR'S REPORT

		Sermons Preached	Prayer Services	Total Calls	Revivals Conducted	Seeking Regeneration	Seeking Sanctification	Dealt with in Personal Work	Prayed with for healing	Baptized	Communion Services	Children Dedicated	Marriages	Funerals	Cash Support	Donations and Gifts	Total Support
Russell Howard	Avon Park	208	63	431		12		37	15				2	1	\$ 715.61	\$ 10.00	\$ 725.61
C. M. Andrews	Bradenton	122	65	307		14	5	8	7		2	1			1810.00	23.87	1833.87
Ray Richards	Ft. Lauderdale	160	75	422	1	15	7		30	3	2		1		2001.95	115.00	2116.95
Moreland Yundt	Miami	112	67	101		5	10		5		2	1		1	1824.00	50.00	1874.00
H. B. Kreider	Orlando	118	46	1664	2	2	18	20	15	2	1	2			3640.00	500.00	4140.00
T. R. York	St. Petersburg	48	6	202	1	7				3			1	1	1450.00	105.00	1555.00
Celia B. Winkle	Evangelist	210	12	160	10	2833		52	48	1	3				1876.44		1876.44
A. L. Luttrull	Intercession City	206	41	46	3	38	15		25		3	3		2	1200.00	75.00	1275.00
TOTALS		1184	375	3333	17	2926	55	117	145	9	13	7	4	5	\$14,518.00	\$878.87	\$15,281.87

TREASURER'S REPORT — Receipts

	Cash Brought Forward	Regular Offerings	Special Offerings	Building Fund	TOTALS	Transferred from Sunday School	Transferred from Young Peoples	Transferred from Missionary
Avon Park	\$ 2.39	\$ 658.03	\$ 54.82	\$	\$ 715.24	\$142.29	\$ 31.03	\$
Bradenton	540.48	3512.13	941.65	1500.75	6495.01	387.55	67.99	175.69
Ft. Lauderdale	435.13	4785.59	1630.49	2244.92	9096.13	185.46	22.00	105.00
Lake Worth		1971.81	473.84	1249.00	3694.65			
Miami	380.27	4309.49	1758.42		6448.18			
Orlando		2195.22	4687.79	6000.00	12,883.01			
St. Petersburg	49.59	5385.26	4377.15	2959.28	12,771.28		100.00	
TOTALS	\$1,407.86	\$22,817.53	\$13,924.16	\$13,953.95	\$52,103.50	\$715.30	\$221.02	\$280.69

TREASURER'S REPORT — Expenditures

	Pastor's Salary	Rents	Interests	Improvements	Paid on Indebtedness	Evangelists	Miscellaneous	Pension Plan	District Budget	Tithe	Bible Schools	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	TOTAL Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Avon Park	715.61						119.82		1.78			1.92	12.00	851.13	37.43
Bradenton	2037.50		545.06	361.29	1460.76	303.50	1337.61		91.82	35.50		166.37	37.61	6377.02	749.22
Ft. Lauderdale	1921.95	1004.00	300.00		2275.00	525.00	1279.69	57.20		270.20	20.00	787.52		8439.86	656.27
Lake Worth	1346.77	367.75			1065.00		207.02		3.33	44.46			30.00	3649.33	45.32
Miami	1798.00			312.25	2812.65	370.00	275.33	107.16	200.47	60.50	10.00	20.46	313.26	6280.08	168.10
Orlando	1569.00	205.50	90.00	1828.60	7215.83	193.00	921.49	104.00	101.85	112.50	18.93	263.21	143.15	12767.06	115.95
St. Petersburg	3155.00	503.00	274.57		5572.83	480.00	2062.69	32.00	357.23				107.05	12544.37	433.70
TOTALS	12543.83	2080.25	1209.63	2502.14	20402.07	1871.50	6203.65	300.36	756.48	523.16	48.93	1239.48	643.07	50908.85	2205.99

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT — Statistical

	Teachers and Officers	Active Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance Last Report	Average Attendance This Report	Gain	Loss	Cradle Roll	Sessions	Scholars Converted	Joined Church
Avon Park	3	15	18	26	20		6		63		
Bradenton	7	61	68	48	45		3	5	70	5	
Ft. Lauderdale	9	80	89	50	51	1		8	70		
Lake Worth	4	56	60		37	37		3	35	7	1
Miami	7	51	61	45	48	3			70		
Orlando	6	50	56		37	37		11	52	5	1
St. Petersburg	8	78	86	72	75	3		1	70	9	10
TOTALS	44	394	438	241	313	81	9	28	430	20	12

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT — Financial

	Cash Brought Forward	Regular Offerings	Birthday Offerings	Special Offerings	Total Receipts	Literature	Equipment	District Budget	General Budget	Miscellaneous *Trans. to Church Treasurer	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Avon Park	\$	\$ 185.83	\$	\$ 12.00	\$ 197.83	\$ 55.54	\$	\$	\$	\$*142.29	\$ 55.54	\$
Bradenton		387.55			387.55	174.22				*213.33	174.22	
Ft. Lauderdale	18.06	692.87		397.00	1107.93	172.00		39.41	397.00	499.52	1107.93	
Lake Worth		232.40	4.93		237.33	82.73				112.28	195.01	42.32
Miami	51.04	483.26		285.08	819.38	123.08	261.20	22.55		367.76	774.59	44.79
Orlando		750.59	14.12	10.00	774.71	112.76	90.37	37.71	4.97	410.00	655.81	118.90
St. Petersburg	30.37	876.09	74.13		980.59	214.99					771.66	208.93
TOTALS	\$99.47	\$3608.59	\$93.18	\$704.08	\$4505.32	\$935.32	\$351.57	\$95.67	\$401.97	\$1389.56	\$3734.76	\$414.94

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

STATISTICAL	FINANCIAL																		
	Present Membership									Receipts			Expenditures						
	Membership last Report	Active	Associate	Honorary	Total	Gain	Meetings	Attendance Last Report	Attendance This Report	Cash Brought Forward	Offerings Received	Total Receipts	Local	District	Youth	Transferred to Church Treasurer	Miscellaneous	Total Expenditures	Cash on Hand
Avon Park	20	4	6	10	20		26	16	17		31.03	31.03						31.03	
Bradenton							70		30		67.99	67.99						67.99	
Ft. Lauderdale	25		14	13	27	2	66		20	13.96	82.73	96.69	28.58					50.58	46.11
Orlando		7	5	11	23	23	16		31		84.67	84.67	27.90	3.89	6.89		9.50	48.18	36.49
St. Petersburg										93.79	282.23	375.52		55.65		100.00		155.65	219.87
TOTALS	45	11	25	34	70	25	178	16	98	107.75	548.66	655.90	56.48	59.04	6.89	221.02	9.50	353.43	302.47

MISSIONARY REPORT

	RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURES					
	Cash	Forward	Offerings	Total	Local	Foreign	Total	Balance	Boxes
Avon Park			1.92	1.92		1.92	1.92		
Bradenton			175.69	175.69		166.37	166.37	9.32	160.00
Ft. Lauderdale		11.80	209.06	220.86		198.64	198.64	22.22	30.00
Orlando			16.17	16.17	14.44		14.44	1.73	18.09
St. Petersburg		251.02	441.34	742.34	534.67			207.67	
TOTALS		262.82	844.18	1156.98	546.11	366.93	381.37	240.94	208.09

SUMMARY OF TOTALS BY DEPARTMENTS

CHURCH	RECEIPTS					EXPENDITURES					
	Church	Sunday School	Young People	Missionary Society	TOTAL	Church	Sunday School	Young People	Missionary Society	TOTAL	Balance
Avon Park	\$ 715.24	\$ 197.83	\$ 31.03	\$ 1.92	\$ 946.02	\$ 851.13	\$ 55.54	\$	\$ 1.92	\$ 908.59	\$ 37.43
Bradenton	6495.01	387.55	67.99	175.69	7126.24	6036.43	174.22		166.37	6377.02	749.22
Ft. Lauderdale	9096.13	1107.93	96.69	220.86	10521.61	8439.86	1107.93	50.58	198.64	9797.01	724.60
Lake Worth	3694.65	237.33			3931.98	3649.33	195.01			3844.34	87.64
Miami	6448.18	819.38			7267.56	6280.08	774.59			7054.67	212.89
Orlando	12,883.01	774.71	84.67	16.17	13,758.56	12,767.06	655.81	48.18	14.44	13,485.49	273.07
St. Petersburg	12,871.28	980.59	375.52	742.34	14,969.73	12,437.58	771.66	155.65	534.67	13,899.56	1070.17
TOTALS	\$52,203.50	\$4505.32	\$655.90	\$1156.98	\$58,521.70	\$50,461.47	\$3734.76	\$254.41	\$916.04	\$55,366.68	\$3155.02

PROPERTY STATEMENT

	CHURCH			PARSONAGE		
	Value	Debt	Equity	Value	Debt	Equity
Avon Park	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,293.94	\$ 4,706.06		\$	\$
Bradenton	14,000.00		14,000.00	10,600.00	8,000.94	2,599.06
Ft. Lauderdale	30,000.00	4,800.00	25,200.00			
Lake Worth	3,500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	1,000.00
Miami	30,000.00	5,200.00	24,800.00	15,000.00	6,223.00	8,777.00
Orlando	20,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	10,450.00	8,570.00	1,880.00
St. Petersburg	20,000.00	1,900.00	18,100.00	11,275.00	10,546.00	729.00
TOTALS	\$125,500.00	\$22,193.94	\$103,306.06	\$54,325.00	\$39,339.94	\$14,985.06

DATE OF NEXT CONFERENCE

JUNE 17 — 18, 1957

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*Where summer lingers
and winter never comes*

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under a tropical sky,
in God's good earth, Land of*

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